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## Introduction



To celebrate the arrival of our 10,000 member I thought it only fitting to acknowledge this fantastic achievement in the form of a book. With all the precedes going to a worthwhile charity.

It was very difficult to decide with posts to select, with such a magnitude of material the task was daunting. Some members share their lives their frustrations and achievements, their grief's and joys in a way that gives much insight, and deepens one's appreciation of the human journey on this planet.

It can also be a conduit to real-time conversation and connection, allowing old friends to met up again. And if you're lucky, it can be a springboard to forming a new friendship.

From such diverse topics of School dinner tickets to the worst Christmas presents, not to forget the liberty bodice, stockings and suspenders, poppets and the ladies dancing around their handbags. its all been covered within these pages from the trivial to the profound. But this is the fun of Manchester Memories no topic is off limits.

I have gone for a range of posts to try and suit everyone. While preserving the Mancurian friendliness and humour, through both good times and bad. From events that helped shape a city, to the very people that made it all happen. So welcome to Manchester memories....

## Roy Dutton

My connection with Manchester started in 1968

It was a pleasant summer's day when I arrived at Salford Docks, only to find my ship had not arrived. Some six months earlier I had started a job with T & J Harrison as an Electrical Engineering officer. My instructions were to report to the chief engineer, as a matter of urgency.

We had all arrived on the quay side for 9 am, and eventually a port official arrived to inform us that the ship would arrive later in the evening. A few of us decided that a day out at the Belle Vue amusement park was going to be the order of the day. I must admit I had a fascination with the strange, different and invigorating aspects of showmen and amusements. I remember a few years earlier visiting Blackpool's attractions. Not for me the fast rides or candyfloss, but more the freaks of nature that kept a curious teenager happy. The macabre five legged sheep, or the Worlds hairiest woman. It was like a live version of the Hammer House of Horrors. So this visit could offer lots of new opportunities, and I was not to be disappointed.

Following our trip across Manchester we eventually arrived at Belle Vue, where we paid our entrance fee at the kiosk and entered a tree lined walk way. Then the zoo appeared, with the incarcerated animals giving the odd roar or grunt and then past a few buildings including the Kings Hall, which was used for Pop concerts and boxing tournaments. Our excitement was heightened by the distant sound of screeching brakes, metal on metal, then the mountainous profile against a cloudy Manchester sky. The clanging sound of the top chain cog mechanism like some sort of spiritual deliverance which had taken

its time to arrive at the top, possibly a warning to those below - It was about to allow gravity to play its part. The train having reached the very top stagnated as if to take a breath, then the front part moved slowly then began to fall violently. The screams were unmerciful, then roaring like the sound of thunder as it fell into the pits of the abyss with the passengers all bedraggled, most with their eyes closed, waiting for the next force to wrap itself around their torso, heads as far back as the seats would allow – Welcome to the Bobs Coaster!

No engineer made this one it had to be created by an artist. Even a Dali painting could not do justice to the vision before me, an image in the sky. We walked up some concrete steps to the loading platform. My trepidation was momentary interrupted by the large signs ‘Secure all loose articles’, ‘Do not stand up’, ‘No Smoking’ and most importantly ‘Keep arms and limbs inside the cars’ And this was all in the days before health and safety and compensation lawyers. Then like a clap of thunder a train emerged from the tunnel, the occupants all looking white with hair bedraggled and in a state of shock. You could see the total look of relief on their faces as the ride ground to an abrupt halt. Then the laughing and sigh of relief took over. Too late the train was before me and beckoning for me to get in. I sat on my own with my mates in front. Some kind of bar was snapped in front of me when I pulled it down. The operator walked along checking everyone was locked into their straight jacket while taking hold of peoples glasses and bags. The short wait seemed like ages, a jerking movement indicated it was starting to move. The speed seemed to intensify

with my every blink of my eyes. A right turn forced the train to move in a direction that nature did not intend, we where all pulled over to the side, centrifugal force had unleashed a torrent of gasps as the thing once again changed direction. My stomach had remained somewhere at the top of the ride. This experience was to be repeated another two times. Now came the record breaking fall, twisting to the right down all the way down to the ground level. The final and worst drop had the trains reaching 70mph, then twisting to the left just to disorientate the rider, then turning one way then the next, the noise and the wind just amplified the sensation as the train fought to constantly change direction. I had my eyes closed until the train ground to a halt, I was the last out and had difficulty in walking away my brain was still following the dips and I was dizzy.

We all decided to find somewhere to have a drink; it was then that I noticed the flea circus. My colleges decided to skip this particular delight, but I just had to view the spectacle. I arrived just in time to see the first performance. The booth that held this miracle of ingenuity was to say the least a little on the small side. The ring master was dressed in appropriate garb, and the audience position themselves around the ring which was positioned at a suitable height above the floor, and just like a real circus ring it had a sand floor. The first act was introduced as Eric the charioteer. When to our absolute amazement this little creature took off across the ring and in what appeared like a hop, skip and a jump, it arrived in the centre only to repeat the performance again to arrive at the other side; the miniature chariot had been glued to

the fleas back. This was followed by a tightrope act, just as impressive. Our host suggested that if any members of the audience could supply fleas he would be happy to purchase them, they had to be human fleas as dog or cat fleas were just too small. This was then followed by two 'fencing' fleas which was possibly a smoke and mirror illusion. Then a juggler (some slight of the hand and some poetic licence needed) but I think the audience got the idea. Instead of clapping in between the acts most where scratching themselves. The interlude was followed by a few of the fleas being positioned on the ring masters arm for a well deserved snack. The fleas were held in a tiny wire harnesses and because the fencing fleas legs waved about, the showman put matchstick 'swords' with lightweight blocks glued on the ends. Other acts where to follow - one flea pulled along a 'garden roller' along a length of green felt. A chariot race, Rudolph the flea operating the merry go-round and finally a football match, with a couple of escapees. Well that was certainly different, but I think the lads wanted to see a real circus so it was off to the big top. We walked past the Zoo which to be honest did absolutely nothing for me. Seeing a load of bored animals in small enclosures just projected their boredom onto me. The only memorable event was the elephant ride, and at the time it was being enjoyed by a group of school children.

We finally arrived at the circus just as the show was about to start. The ringmaster cracked his whip as the signal for the clowns to arrive. The ringmaster was the famous George Lockhart, resplendent in his top hat, white cotton gloves and red tails, known as the "Prince

of Ringmasters". The Austin brothers Spider and Alby ran around the ring chasing each other in various clowning acts. Then it was the turn of the bear man with his performing Polar Bears. Followed by the Blackwenns performing cycle display team. And my favourite the tightrope walkers with some spectacular young ladies performing many death defying acts. Several other acts followed, then the spectacular grand finale. We decided a couple of beers might be in order before we returned to Salford Docks and a good time was had by all.

As a footnote it is interesting to note that Bobs Coaster was revolutionary and when built it was at the forefront of big coasters in the UK, and it reigned supreme from 1929 until 1970. It had an 80-foot (24 m) drop at a 45 degree angle, down which the cars travelled at 60 miles per hour. The owners tried to sell it on, but technology had moved ahead and it had become a bit dated, so its final resting place was in a scrap yard. The first records of flea performances were from watchmakers who were demonstrating their metalworking skills. Mark Scaliot in 1578 produced a lock and chain which were attached to a flea. Flea performances were first advertised as early as 1833 in England, and were a major carnival attraction until 1930. The flea circus at Belle Vue Zoological Gardens, Manchester, England, was still operating in 1970. After sailing the seven seas, I eventually returned to Manchester working for Costains in Wythenshawe. Only to start up a telecommunications company in Oldham Street and then becoming the owner of The City pub with my business partner Stuart. My connection with Manchester spans some 45 years, and is my second home.

## David Stringer

Having been born in St Mary's Hospital on Oxford Road, Manchester, I have always considered myself a very proud and true Mancunian and am to Manchester, what a Cockney is to London – although I guess, being born within earshot of Manchester Townhall bells, doesn't have the same ring to it (pun intended) as being born within the sound of Bow Bells.



My childhood was spent living in Chadderton (near the border of New Moston) with my parents and my adorable and much-loved Gran. I did what most children did in those days; played out until the street lights came on, got dirty, got into trouble, made dens, bogey's etc. Ventured onto the railway lines and waited for a passing steam train to squash the pennies on the railway line. No 'elf n'saftey' then and no mobile phones either – but somehow we survived.

I remember Winters which brought the deep, deep snow along with that unique quietness only snow can bring and of course, Jack Frost on the inside windows of my bedroom. Summers meant glorious sunshine, long days, open windows and doors. Camping in the back garden and cycling to the fishing pond at Boggart Hole Clough with my raw onion and salad cream sandwiches – to be washed down with a bottle of warm Dandelion and Burdock.

Trips to Heaton Park were much enjoyed. Free-wheeling down Victoria Avenue was a delight – but the uphill

return trip was an exhausting nightmare – especially having spent the day playing ‘Dodge The Parky’ and hiding in the massive rhododendron bushes surrounding Heaton Hall.

Now into train-spotting and having advanced from standing on a platform at Victoria Station, Newton Heath Sheds became our playground. Cycling down St Mary’s Road, a quick right by the Railway Inn and over the fence and we were in.! The engines were there – most in steam – a quick look left and right and over the tracks. Seconds later, we were in the sheds and writing the engine numbers down – if we were lucky, there would be some ‘namers’. After we had been chased out (again!) a quick peddle home and the underlining in our Ian Allen British Rail Steam Locomotives Guides, began.

When I was old enough, I often went into ‘Town’ with my mates and were mesmerised by the size of buildings, lights, the sheer number of shops, Lewis’s and the toyshop next door, Henly’s. Almost every Saturday was spent ‘in town’. For some odd reason, Piccadilly Gardens became the ritual. This is where I always hit the brass ‘spikes’ on the red sea mine (which was for donations, if I remember correctly) trying to set it off – yeh, right.!

As I became an older teenager, motorbikes became my passion – as did rock climbing. This opened up a whole new world of adventure. Wales, The Lake District, The Peak District even Scotland.! Exploring Manchester became much easier, especially by now I had started at UMIST and working in the City Centre. I knew Manchester like the back of my hand.!

Unfortunately my motorbike days ended in a spectacular



## David Stringer

crash on Princess Parkway, when I was hit by a car which had jumped the lights. Fortunately, I escaped with a very badly broken left arm and am still showing the after effects to this day.

Courting (or stepping-out, as it was known then) and marriage – to a Newton Heath girl - came next. In 1971 we moved to our very first house in Mossley. After 7 years we moved to Bury, where we remained until 2007 when the decision was made to sell up and move to Southern Spain. Leaving our family and friends behind, were major challenges.

We will have been happily married for 43 years this coming December and fortunate to be blessed with a wonderful family who have given us 2 fantastic and very much-loved Grandchildren – a 8yo girl and an 6yo boy. They are – naturally – the apple of our eyes and we are fortunate to see them at least once a week, via the wonderful technology of FaceTime.

They all come out to stay with us 3 or 4 times a year. We in return, try to get back to the UK at least once a year, but are finding the UK too cold and damp for us now.

As every Grandparent knows, there are certain ‘things’ which have to be handed down. They are covered by what is known as, Grandparents Law. Rest assured, these little tricks are being handed down – the difference being that having been taught and shown Grandparents Ways, the Little Ones can now be handed back to their parents!! Now retired – partially, anyway – from my career as an IT Consultant, computers and technology fit in perfectly with my new lifestyle in the sun.

Living on a Golf Resort, with my wife also allows us to

## David Stringer

get out and about in the almost continuous sunshine we are fortunate to have.

Manchester Memories is a wonderful tool to shake up the memory cells of Childhood, Places, Achievements, Friends and all those other things we may have forgotten or overlooked. Being part of the Admin Team is both an honour and a privilege.

So there you have it – a potted history of who I am, what I have done and what I continue to do - hopefully for many more years to come.

I wish Manchester Memories the continued success it deserves – thanks entirely to the vision of Roy Dutton

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We have formed an admin team second to none.

With David Stringer the first to join, then followed by Alan Hawes and Mags Cummings. Gaynor was also a valuable member but left for personal reasons. A recent new addition being Row Cardew. With an extraterrestrial force monitoring 24/7 in the form of the tireless Zeus Sentinel Watch., our team is complete.

I would like thank them all for their dedication, for without their help and resolve, we could not of had such a successful and harmonious group. To date 1,845 people have been blocked, mostly trying to bombard the group with spam, but others wishing to be disruptive. And it goes without saying that it is the members of Manchester Memories that makes the group so successful.

Please may our success continue.



## Manchester Memories

The very first post in Manchester Memories was on the 14th February 2013. The group was to take on a life of its own as more and more people joined the fun.

**Roy Dutton** added photos to Oldham Street.



Like · Comment · 14 February 2013 at 09:12

👍 2 people like this.

Most of the interest was shown in current memories. We left the group to find its own direction. Manchunians know what they want. With the addition of a competent admin team the group has prospered.

**Avis Ward Grundy** Like 54 Comments 34

I am always asking friends and family members who are my age (OAP) to join Facebook, I try to describe what Manchester Memories bring to peoples lives and of course other sites like it. Although many older people are computer literate they won't venture on to Facebook. It's a shame really because they are missing out on such lovely memories and of course the communication with like minded people, I find it fantastic, thanks to the people who work so hard to set up these sites.

**Marie Henry** lots of laughs too

**Avis Ward Grundy** Yes that's true Marie! They brighten up a rainy day lol !!

**Maria Finnegan** Couldn't agree more us golden oldies, well it passes so much time and evokes such great memories. I have met so many people since being on fb but I used to say the same thing before, but glad I changed my mind

**Ken Jones** Same as Maria Finnegan. We must have passed each other in the street 100's of times over the past 50 years only to find out on facebook.

**Maria Finnegan** Yeh exactly Ken. Even more than 60 years ago and when we spoke on here one night, very few places that we had not been to around the same time and the memories that came flooding back.

**Row Cardew** I love this site. Constant stream of friends to chat and laugh with.

**Sharon Aarons** The problem is that older people think that social networking is only for young-uns - but it's not. We need to re-educate them. I for one am an oldy but I love this site and the people on it. It brightens up

my day chatting with you all and bringing all those memories flooding back. If this is “social networking” - bring it on!!!!

**Avis Ward Grundy** I agree with everything you say Sharon, I’m sure social networking is the answer for people who are lonely or housebound, it might be good if some of these OAP organisations could introduce social networking! Just a thought.

**Row Cardew** That is a brilliant idea Avis. i’m sure it would change people’s lives.

**Jane Huxley** I’ve only been on Facebook since March after a lot of persuasion! Opened up a whole new world for me, am in touch with so many people again! This site is fun and a whole new circle of friends, one of whom is being very kind and supportive at a very difficult time for me! She knows who she is . Great memories and lots of smiles on this site! xxx

**Avis Ward Grundy** It’s so hard to convert people, all I get is ‘I don’t do Facebook’ !!

**Jane Huxley**, I was like that, it took a lot of persuasion, but don’t regret it! Trouble is it becomes addictive and I get nothing done , lol x

**Maria Finnegan** I am so pleased you got some good support at your difficult time Jane. Sometime especially those of us who live on our own can feel lonely at night since joining the nights fly by.

**Jane Huxley** Thank you Maria Finnegan, friends are important in whatever form xx

**Avis Ward Grundy** I’ve got lots friends who I play scrabble with, so I constantly flick between FB and scrabble, I think I drive my husband mad, at least he has

the remote to the TV. I did manage to convert him, he enjoys these sites as much as I do.

**Jane Huxley** Oh I aren't on to the games Avis Ward Grundy! I would really never be off it then! Lol . XX

**Avis Ward Grundy** It does keep your brain active Jane Huxley! Lol That's my excuse anyway!

Jane Huxley For sure it does Avis Ward Grundy! Lol xx

**Maria Finnegan** My excuse also Avis but it really does help our brains keep active

**Avis Ward Grundy** I bet there are loads of OAPs out there who would love to play scrabble, it's so easy on line!

**Sandra Toy Hi** This site is Wonderful as I keep saying!!! But on some sites they have not got the fantastic Admin staff who make sure that if there was anything untoward, it is taken off right away.[thanks for all your hard work].

**Maria Finnegan** It keeps my brain active also I think!xx Not as happy with the new scrabble, lost a lot of people. I played again when they changed it and a lot more left, sad it was fine as it was.

**Avis Ward Grundy** I didn't realise it had been changed Marie.

**Maureen Stephenson** I have only been on FB since April of last year, thanks to my daughter! How I wish that I had joined sooner! Thanks to FB - I am in touch with my niece and her family, as well as a cousin, from County Mayo, that found me. I have made a number of great new friends... One of them I share the results of the Manchester United games. Which makes this soccer hooligan granny happy! Avis, Please spread the word that they do not know what they are missing! MM for me is

like a tonic! I love it... Only problem is I have forgotten what housework is since I joined! As if I am bothered! I am now 70 and this great site, is instrumental in many cob webs being brushed away... from the old memory bank! I just wish that I had kept a diary/journal... Tell your friends and family... they don't need to be able to type.. they could have one of their grand children do it for them... I belonged to a group once, it folded up.. Two of the members, were a married couple in Australia.... The wife was an Aussie 'Rosie' and her hubby "Christopher" was a Wythenshawe lad. (Newall Green) He would sit next to her, telling all his memories etc, and she would type them for him. We had weekly meetings in the chat room, and it was a riot... all these Mancs from places as far away as Canada, UAE, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Thailand, USA Christopher loved Eccles Cakes... and Rosie was given a recipe by a member in the group... and she made Christopher some Eccles cakes! Now that is love!

**Avis Ward Grundy** Thanks for your comment Maureen. I joined FB in 2009 like you I am in touch my nieces my cousins including lots in Australia. I know what's going on in there lives it's great! I find out more about my own children and grandchildren than I ever would normally, I am kept up to speed with all the romances, photographs, we share special events, I really feel part of their everyday life. I found a friend from school, I had not seen her since we left in 1959 (yes I'm 70 also) she now lives in Australia, I even managed to visit her last year, we Face-Time each other regularly, this technology is a wonderful thing, as someone said earlier BRING IT ON!!! Lol



**Maureen Stephenson** It is mind boggling this technology! I love it! It is hard to believe, that I started Infants in August 1948 (St. Cuthbert's, Withington) and we had a slate, chalk and eraser/rubber! The kids today... would think I was telling stories!

**Avis Ward Grundy** write you story! I did! I found it so therapeutic, now my children my grandchildren and great grandchildren have an account of my life, kit wouldn't make a best seller or even a shelf in a library but it's a little bit of history for my future generations. I also did one about my Mother, she was brought up in Ardwick and C.O.M. I tried to remember little things she used to tell me, I got quite emotional as I was writing it. I also did one about my husband's mother, unfortunately they were both dead when I decided to write them.

**Maureen Stephenson** What a lovely idea. That will be something for your family to treasure. I wish that I had kept a diary... I remember my mum and auntie telling me stories about their childhood, I never knew my grandparents, as they lived in Ireland and died, when I was very young. I too, tell my daughter Kelly all about my mum "Granny Alice" .. she never knew her, as she was born two years after mum passed away. Kelly is 34 and she talks about mum, as if she knew her, all because of my stories and the photographs of her, that I have!

**Sharon Aarons** Modern technology is wonderful. Took me a while to join FB but wouldn't be without it now. Between Skype, FB and FaceTime I can keep in touch with and follow friends and relatives who live overseas especially my grandchildren who at one time thought I lived at the airport and they could just come and get

me when they wanted to see me. In actual fact I do live almost at the airport so it's not far from the truth. I have also made contact with friends whom I've not seen for 40/50 years. Even one whom I've not seen for 60 years and who now lives in Australia. So there has got to be some way we can pass on all these good things about FB and get OAP's to understand that it is in some ways a 'Lifeline'

**Maureen Stephenson** Jane Huxley I am so happy for you, that you have a supportive shoulder to lean on and somebody to chat with. There is nothing like Mancunians... they really are a caring bunch of people. It is amazing the wonderful people on here. Even though we have not met... it is like being with family... when you can relate to so much... The same values, childhood backgrounds, schools, dance halls, pubs etc., I have been here in USA since 1972... but nobody understands anything about my Manchester, family roots etc., all the childhood memories... that I remember, from sharing with all the MM members. You forget so many things... and they all come back on here.. Sometimes, you may shed a tear... but mostly have a good laugh!

**Sharon Aarons** Maureen Stephenson. What time is it in your part of the world. Where in the USA do you live

**Rochelle Berger** Well my story is... I am in my 70s... and i did not get a computer till last year... knew nothing about computers.. not even how to switch it on... apart from a 1hr lesson I am self taught..there are a lot of things that i can't do yet... but i will ..

**Jane Huxley** Thank you Maureen Stephenson, a new friend but valued already.

## Kind Words

**Susan Lesley Monk** Hi guys hope you all are having a nice evening. One thing you are never lonely with this site. Just love it. X

**Jayne Brighty** eva alone on ths site thts for sure. love it

**Sheila Sapseid** Yes its a great site lots of lovely people on it. Salt of the earth.

**Jossie Rotthier** I always forget that the t.v's on hold when we are communicating!

**Jennifer Mcconathy** This site brings me a little closer to home

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**Carol Hilton Chadwick** I love this site xx

**Bill Hassall** Hi Carol so glad you like it. We all think it's great. Great friends all of them, take care

**Kath Scott** Yes I love it & as you say it really is addictive.

**Sandra Toy** Welcome Carol ,this is a great site!! If you are feeling a bit under par! when you come on the site ! After reading all the chats,from lots of lovely people,you feel a lot better. I have only been a member a short time. It is lots of fun ,and brings back lots of memories.xx Seem to remember trying to win shiny steel ball bearings out of the circle ,that was drawn with chalk any way we could.

**Avis Ward Grundy**

Only recently have I joined a few social networking groups, I must say beyond any shadow of a doubt Manchester Memories is the best! Manchunians have a fantastic sense of humour, the photographs are great. I love all the posts! What more can I say? Except thanks everyone.

**David Stringer**

20 April • Edited • 30th April 2014

OK - Time to get excited.! Roy Dutton has kindly offered his book - A Tale Of Two Cities - as the prize to the Member who is the closest to predict the TIME and THE DATE we approve our 5,000th member - as a help, we are currently approving between 80-110 new Members a day.! Just leave your best estimate in the comments box. Thanks and Good Luck.

THIS COMPETITION WILL CLOSE WHEN WE REACH 4500 MEMBERS - THE COUNTDOWN WILL THEN BEGIN

169 others like this. 53 comments

**Linda Brierley** well done manchester memories.

**Pauline Pilling** well done

**Patricia O'Driscoll** well done Dave

**Lynda Stone** well done

**Trevor Lyon** Hurrah! We're not dead yet!

**Tracey Weinstein** Yeah well done..

**Dorothea Forshaw** Well done.david.

**Linda Bailey** Nice one Manchester

**Tina Hilton** Brilliant

**Judy Nicholls** Woo oo.

**Chris Manley** Awesome

**Sue Austin** congrats

**Sheila Sapseid** Yes,yes, yes. Congratulations David hip, hip, hooray.xx:-) good old Manchester.

30 April at 19:32 • Like • 3

**Milton Alphonso** Willis yes go on,,,,,,,,



Rita Fox Well done everybody!! of course you David....

**Margaret Dunne** Well done Rochelle Berger for winning the competition

**Toni Hunter** How close did Rochelle get?

**Margaret Dunne** Rochelle was the only one left that said today.

30 April at 21:50 • Like • 2

**Bill Hassall** Well done and we'll done David

**Jane Hartley-Jacques** Go Manchester!!

**Rochelle Berger** ME... have i won.. llooll... never won anything in my life

**Martin Duffy** wow Good one

**David Stringer** Rochelle Berger - YES, it's you who has won. I have messaged you. Congratulations....!!!!!!

1 May at 07:03 • Like

Wendy Mooney what have you won rochelle

**Hazel Bernard** What are we getting David ? I bet you are really chuffed

**David Stringer** Oh I'm getting a Company Car - my choice. Free use of the Admins Villa on Mustique. A Free Bar at a pub of my choice and an AMEX Black card. The other Admins are getting exactly the same. We are rich beyond our wildest dreams. Or not.

**Sue Ridgway** Well done David and team, good effort. Well done Rochelle Berger. Xx

**Wendy Goodall** Well done

**David Stringer** Well, we have a winner - Rochelle Berger - but despite sending her a number of messages, we are unable to get a response. If anyone knows her, would you PLEASE ask her to respond? Thanks.

**Alan Hawes** unusual that david rochelle is a regular contributor on here

**David Stringer** Yes, Alan - Rochelle has posted today - but no response.

**Alan Hawes** just inboxed her probably out enjoying herself lol

**Rochelle Berger** David.. wow can't believe i have won... will inbox you now...lol

**Alan Hawes** well done rochelle

**David Stringer** Hooray - contact made with Rochelle - her prize will soon be winging its way to her letterbox - MANY Thanks to Roy Dutton for donating the prize.

**Rochelle Berger** Thanks everyone... I just put my daughters birthdate... and the time she was born... think i will do the lottery this week... !1 llooll x

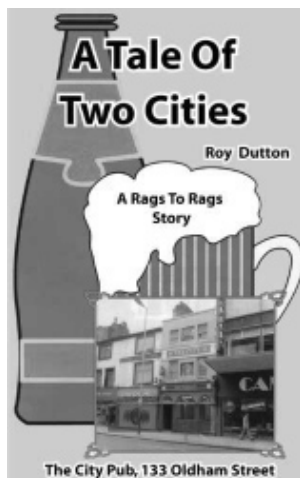
**David Stringer** Just in case you are wondering what the prize is, that Rochelle won. It is one of a number of books written by the owner of this fantastic Facebook Group - the one who started it all off - Roy Dutton. I know he won't mind me showing you the link. Go on, buy it - you know you want to.....!!!!!!!

<http://www.amazon.co.uk/Tale-Two-Cities-Roy.../dp/0992826500>

A Tale of Two Cities

[www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk)

**Rochelle Berger** Looking forward to receiving my prize  
Whooope



# *Competition*

## **TIME**

### **David Stringer**

Well - it's Competition Time again.!

As we are approaching our 10,000th Member, all you have to do, is to post what DATE and TIME you think the 10,000th Member will join us.

The prize? Well, there are going to be FIVE prizes of Roy Dutton's latest book (due out in September) called 'Manchester Memories on Facebook'

So - the nearest FIVE Members, will win the book - get posting.!

The Competition will stop when we get to 9,900 Members - and only one go each.!!!

What a fantastic response.!

Thank you all SO much.

PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE OF THE CHARITIES  
BELOW

Each and every nominated Charity was a truly worthy and deserving cause.

However, the Top Ten for Manchester Memories to make a donation to (full details to follow) and to shortly celebrate our 10,000th Member, are as follows:

Christies Hospital	72
Francis House, Rainbow Trust	27
Alzheimer's Research UK •	22

# 10,000 MEMBERS

Hi Everyone, Like 74 Comments 30

I would like to give everyone an update on our book "The best of Manchester Memories on Facebook" This will coincide with our 10,000th member. . All the profit from the sale of the book will go to The Christie charity which came top in our recent poll. I have a 200+ page masterpiece, containing the most popular posts, along with competitions, short stories and loads of fun things. So it should be a really good read, with over 500 members mentioned, it will be a book of many authors.

Best Regards

Roy

David Stringer Manchester Memories

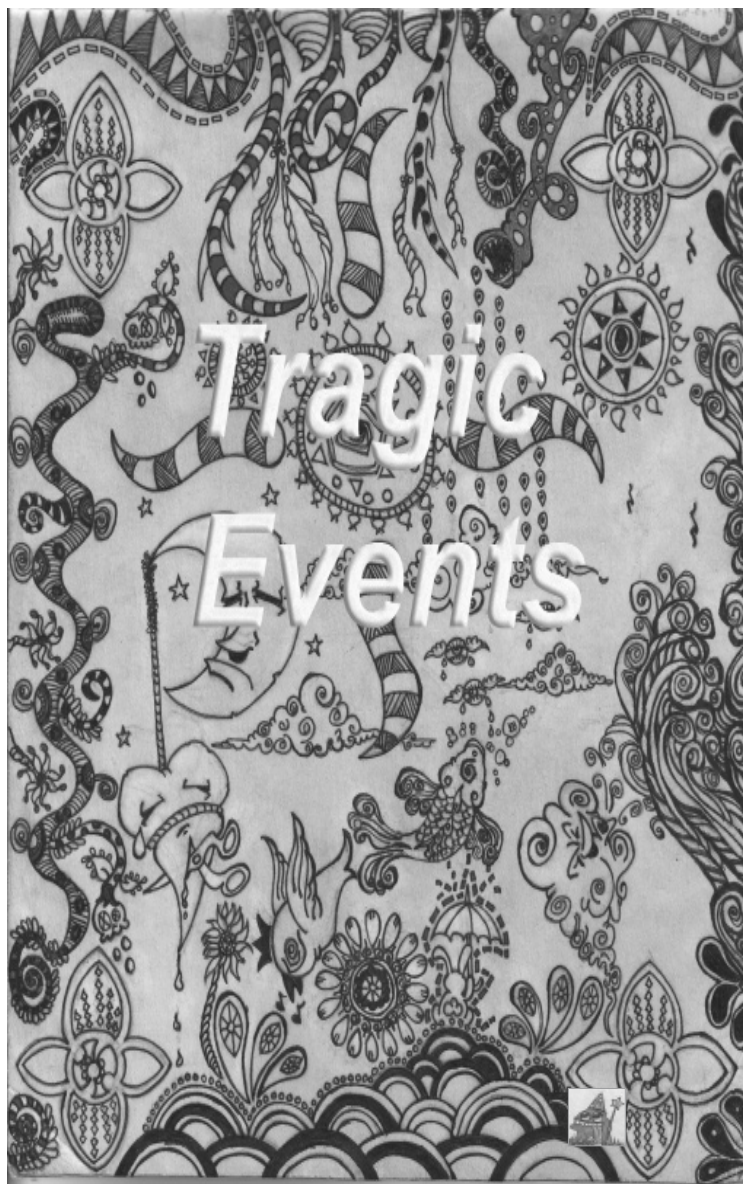
We did it! Our 10,000th Member - 12th July - 1010hrs (UK Time)

..... and the Winners nearest to that Date & Time, are:

- 1) Tony Cunningham - 13th July - 1pm
- 2) Gail Marchant ----- 15th July - 9.15am
- 3) Margi Farrell ----- 15th July - 1.30pm
- 4) Shirley Anne ----- 15th July - 3.01pm
- 5) Sue Austin ----- 15th July - 6.30pm

Congratulations to our Winners and Thank You to all who entered.







Alan Hawes Like 87 Comments 14

Tomorrow is the 56th Anniversary of the Munich air Disaster I was proud to stand up (In the Blue Section of this picture) and am proud to say the respect was fantastic its not just a Football thing its about Human life so tragically taken at such a young age and its worth remembering a City legend Frank swift Amongst others Died in the crash I was truly proud to be a Manc the day this picture was taken

**Andrea Lyne** Much Respect....RIP....

**Jayce Shell** This photo brings tears to my eyes even now, and I was only 5 when it happened.. I never saw my big brother cry till that fateful day.

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**Janet Olivia Cox** my mum and dad remember it well. My dad was asked to try out for both teams before the War and decided on the army instead. At that time when both teams played at City's ground, people would watch

both teams by attending every weekend. Although the fans eventually parted and Old Trafford was rebuilt that day will be in the minds of many football fans all over the world. HUGE loss. My thoughts to Bobby Charlton also.

**Linda Brierley** sad day R.I.P.

**Roy Goodwin** You've every right to be proud of city fans on the day Alan Hawes they did themselves and Manchester proud.

**Doreen Bowie** Still cry now when I remember that day

**Sylvia Mathieson** I'm not a football supporter but it was a very sad day

**Mary Smith** I went to school at Stretford Technical College and I remember that we were allowed to go out of class to see the funeral of Dave Pegg. We were all very sad.

**Alan Hawes** It was a day Talented lads from working class upbringings lost their lives Football was Secondary and Rightly so.

**Phil O'Brey** Well said respect.

**Jean Edwards** Sad day.

**Margaret Newman Swanick** It must have been a horrendous day in Manchester that sad day. R.I.P to all those poor young lads lives..

**Stuart Matthews** Shows football does not always divide people, sad loss for all of Manchester and beyond. RIP

**Roy Dutton** The Munich air disaster occurred on 6 February 1958 when British European Airways flight 609 crashed on its third attempt to take off from a slush-covered runway at Munich-Riem Airport, West Germany. With 23 fatalities and 21 survivors, a complete disaster.

## Woolworths Fire

35 YEARS AGO  
TODAY (1979) THE  
WOOLWORTHS FIRE  
DO YOU REMEMBER  
IT....

**Paul Bexfield** I was in there literally five minutes before.

I was due to meet my mum at lunchtime outside there but having arrived a few minutes early took myself over to Lewis's

record department which is where Burgerking is now

**David White** A sad day for Manchester

**Carol Hilton Chadwick** Yep I was in Manchester that day.....remember it..sadly

**Jan Gibbons** I worked the other end of Oldham Street back then and remember it all happening.

**Irene Williams** I worked in that store I had to get a work permit from crown square as I was only 14 went straight from school at 3.45 started at 4 till 6 and Saturdays

**Sue Pascoe** I Worked In Dale St. London Mantles.

Remember the Commotion....Sad Day..!

**Pat Millington** Yep I was working at Lewis's at the time sad day!

**Jan Eddowes- Was Ashton** This happened on the day I got confirmed.

**Rob Abbo Abbott** Such a terrible day for our city x.

**Graham Diggle** Spent many happy hours in Woollys, sad loss.



## Woolworths Fire

**Marion Day** I was near this.....I was about to go in.  
**Hazel Bernard** loved that Woolies, went nearly every week.

**Sue Pascoe** Do We know Wot Caused The Fire ? I Can't Remember.....

**Jayce Shell** Ooooh. All that PLASTIC Jewellery !! Must have gone up like a tinderbox !! We used to buy mum plastic popping beads and daisy necklaces there LOL !!!

**Jan Eddowes- Was Ashton** Didn't the furniture catch fire? - which led to the law changing and non-flammable material had to be used furniture?

**Margaret Henshaw** It was the furniture that ignited that fast leading to changes in the law. I worked at Argos on Oldham St remember going down to have a look what was happening Tragic that day remember it very well.

**Jan Eddowes- Was Ashton.** My Mum, Kay Ashton used to work at Argos Oldham St, from about 1987'ish I think. When it closed she then went to the Arndale.

**Norman Andrew Brannick** I was stood on the rooftop car park of the Piccadilly hotel in 1979 watching fire fighters tackling the Woolworths fire..

**Angela Marie Simpson** I was working as a GPO Telephonist taking 999 calls!! Working with the Emergency Services on this sad day!!

**Caroline Johnson** Wow I remember this well. I was a Saturday girl at Woolies in the early 60's

**Sharon Bradshaw** Tragic day. I used to buy all my records from there and even went to a cliff Richard record signing. I remember he had tight leather pants on and a leopard print t shirt. Loved that store it's part of Manchester's history. RIP to all who lost their lives.

**Josie Smile Quinn**

It's the 18th Anniversary this Sunday since the start of Manchester's "Renaissance".

(The day the IRA decided to give us a wake-up we wouldn't forget.)

I've seen so many positives come from that event.

I think people found their Dunkirk spirit that day.

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**John Aldred** I was at work that day, didn't hear anything due to the machine noise, but they heard it outside, a devastating impact on Manchester, so lucky no one died, but we are from Manchester, and we re-built our home city, as we do, as we should, AS WE DID.

**Josie Smile Quinn** I was at home in Beswick and I heard a what I thought was thunder. But it was a gorgeous Saturday morning. I looked over to town and there was a white plume of smoke, then I heard the fire engines. My cousin phoned me from lower Openshaw and she said "What the hell was that?"

**John Aldred** It truly was an impact we won't forget in a hurry

**Josie Smile Quinn** I was saying earlier about them refurbishing the place with glass, that doesn't make sense.

**John Aldred** It's a cheaper alternative, but in some ways it can be a good thing, depends on you building style, I much prefer the old style bricks and mortar

**Diana Madden** Was it Sunday ? Just checking somebody wrote Saturday - I just remember going into Manchester we were told no access an explosion had gone off in the centre - I was truly devastated my home

-but we built our city back and better - us Mancunians

**Josie Smile Quinn** I imagine if the glass does break it will stay either in one piece and just shatter or go like a bus shelter on so many occasions.

**Evelyn Cheyne** It's my birthday that day I narrowly missed being in town when the bomb went off.

**Josie Smile Quinn** It's Sunday this week. It was Saturday 18 years ago. I remember my dad phoning me on the Sunday morning. He was in Glasgow and he never ever phoned me for anything. But this time he was worried.

**John Aldred** Saturday 15 June 1996.

**Josie Smile Quinn** I wonder if we would have had the Commonwealth Games, had we not had the rebuild?

**Ian Halliwell** we were going to town as well but didn't and I remember hearing a boom in the distance not knowing what it was .we could have been really close.

**John Aldred** The commonwealth games were already in the picture, they were already decided, so we would have still held them, and we did, and they were great.

**Josie Smile Quinn** The Games were a spectacle. I live that close to the Etihad I saw the red arrows on the telly, stood up, looked out the back window and saw them fly past! When I tell my kids, they show complete disinterest lol x

**John Aldred** Put the red arrows on a video game, then they're interested

**Josie Smile Quinn** Get them to do a fly over at Download in Derby this weekend!

**John Aldred** We see very few jets here in Bury, but we do see quite a few Chinook helicopters, and if you don't see them, you definitely hear them.

## Short Story

**Amina Lesleymcfc Mottley** OH LOOK! A QUEUE

If me mam sees a queue. She joins it! I think it's an affliction she got from the days of rationing:

"Never had a banana till I was 10, and me Mam had to queue for 3 days. So do you think I care that you're starving? Your tea will be ready in 10 minutes - WAIT!" So one day. Off we trot to Conran street market. As we get near the entrance:

"Ooh! look a queue. I wonder what's going on there?"

"I don't know. I thought we were going in the Market?" (for my Bay city roller outfit)

"Yeah but you never know. Might be a bargain...'scuse me luv (to the woman in front of her) what's all this about?"

"Fire sale pet. Job lot of them vesuvian blinds, going dead cheap. I've got them on two of my windows already. Look dead smart"

"I prefer me nets. I like me privacy" (and your bloomin nosiness)

"I was just the same, but then I got one of them new houses on Rochdale road and these are easier to wipe down. You know? with the dust from the traffic at rush hour"

(Mam's looking impressed. I need to distract her)

"Mam, I think the broken biscuit man is packing up his stall" (Which is conveniently located next to the bay city roller outfit stall)

"Shurrup. What've I told you about interrupting adult conversation...Bloomin kids ay? So are they easy to keep clean then?...Bet you don't get much privacy though?"



## Short Story

"I used to think the very same. Our house is right by the bus stop. 'I'm not having the world and his wife watching me have me tea' I said to r Susan - me eldest. But when she showed me how they worked, I couldn't fault 'em. You get this stick thing at the end of them and if you 'twidge' them right you can see everything going on outside. But you could be in Timbuktoo for all anyone outside your door knew"

"Really?...hmm"

"Maaaaam! The markets closing"

"Oh for gawds sake. Come on then. I'd better get off luv, before this one trips over that sulky lip of hers. See ya"....  
..."You want THAT outfit?"

"Yeah...all me mates have got them"

"Well I'm not all your mates' Mam am I?. Try em on then?"

"Here?"

"Tut...Let her nip behind that curtain luv. I'm not paying out good money for something that doesn't fit"....

"What do you think Mam? Can I have them?"

"I think they must be rationing Tartan. They're halfway up your knees"

"That's how they're meant to be"

"I'm not paying good money for summat that looks like it's shrunk in the wash. Anyway I've decided to give them blinds a try. You can have a comic and I'll get you some PROPER trousers next week..."

And she calls me 'easily led'!

# Diamond Puzzle

Find the words below in our  
DIAMOND puzzle

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URBIS  
WILSON  
SHAMBLES

PICCADILLY  
AFFLECKS  
HOLT



## Billy Robinson

**Janet Olivia Cox** I cannot believe how notorious these guys were. When I was a child in Longsight I had no idea what these men did. I knew them and used to take Roy Davies's dog for a walk for him (roger the skirt sniffer dog). Billy Two Rivers, Roy and Les Kellett were really nice soft spoken men to us kids. I knew they were wrestlers but didnt really have a clue what that meant until much later.



**Ann Redford** used to go to watch wrestling in Altrincham when I was pregnant with my daughter, I got so excited with it that it is a wonder I didn't go into labour.

**Hazel Mayer** What ever happened to the Royal Brothers?

**Sue Mahoney** les kellet was my mum favourite.

## Billy Robinson

**Angela Shepley Bennett** my Gran loved the wrestling on a Saturday, she used to shout at the telly, so funny!!

**Pete Smith** Les Kellet my favourite! Very funny!

My gran was a big wrestling fan! I think all the old dears were!

**Salford Roger** My "Ring Name" on the Wrestling Heritage site is the "Salford Strangler"

**Ann Redford** Jackie Pallo is that how you spell it? was my favourite

**Jenny Allman** Saturdays at belle Vue wrestling night, sold programmes one time with an old flame haha

**Jayce Shell**

WRESTLING ??? Who remembers seeing Billy or Jacky Robinson wrestling back in the day ??

**Sylvia Mathieson** We got our first TV in 1959 when we came back to England from North Africa. it was delivered on a Saturday afternoon and the first programme we saw was the wrestling -Mick MacManus v Jacky Pallo - it terrified me - I thought they were gonna kill each other, but I was only 10 years old!

**Ann Redford** Jackie Pallo was the one for me.

**Jayce Shell** The ROBINSONS were Manchester lads.. Ask any number of young professionals in the 1970s which wrestler they admired the most and the name Billy Robinson was the one that was most frequently answered. It was an immense shock to British fans when their heavyweight champion moved across the Atlantic and their sense of loss was to remain unequalled.

In the United States he worked mainly for the American Wrestling Association and held world champions Verne Gagne and Dory Funk Jr to drawn verdicts.

## The Bee Gees

**Terence Embury Hunt** The Bee Gees back in Chorlton  
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**Linda Fearnhead** The fab Bee Gees,xxxx

**Jean Hulton** They were brill xx

**John Holmes** Anybody know where this photograph was taken, the street?

**Terence Embury Hunt** Keppel Road

**Mark Lynch** Was deffo a few years back...no cars!

**John Holmes** Thank you Terence.

**Steve Shinnars** Based on the types of cars in the background probably the sixties.

**Josie Smile Quinn** Have you seen Barry's eldest son Steve Gibb? Ooof yes please!

**Josie Smile Quinn** The 70's look at Barry's hair.  
Definitely Night Fever

**Mel West** Why were they in Chorlton?

## The Bee Gees

Pardon my ignorance!

**Caz Bennett** they lived in chorlton for a period of time

**Paul Healey** No 5 keppal rd

**Anita Gray** they came from manchester

**Elaine Fletcher** loved the bee gees and their music is brilliant.

**Mel West** Why did I think they were Aussies? !!

**Elaine Fletcher** they lived in oz for a while mel.

**Steve Shinnners** wasn't sweet sensation living around Beech road Chorlton too.

**Mel West** Oh thanks Elaine! Loved the Bee Gees!

**Mike Coleman** defo keppel rd where they use to live for a while as I worked at the builders firm at bottom of the road also worked at house where they lived John Holmes

**Mike Coleman** Steve Shinnners sweet sensation lived on marshall rd in Levenshulme for a while as I lived on forest range next rd up

**Hazel Mayer** Robin spoke several times about Chorlton in a very positive way

**Mary Healy** They performed at the old cinema what is now co op funeral place...i know this through a documentary. ( although I was born n bred in chorlton )

**Pete Smith** Great band!A credit to Manchester, an amazing city, with so much to be proud of.

**Roy Dutton** Born on the Isle of Man, the Gibb brothers lived in Chorlton, Manchester, until the late 1950s. The family then moved to Redcliffe, Queensland, Australia, where the brothers began their music careers, they returned to the United Kingdom in January 1967. The Bee Gees have sold more than 120 million records worldwide.



**Diane Bates** Who remembers Foo Foo's palace with the legendary Frank Lammar. Memories of many a great time spent there. He is missed very much. True Manc he did a lot for Manchester.

359 likes 110 comments

**Denise Payne** Many a great nite thete wiv the girls....  
The ones i can remember anyway pmsl....

**Sheila Mcglone** Loved going there great night

**Gaz Worrall** I used to work for Frank at Foo Foo's as a pot collector back in 1996 a wonderful man with a heart of gold. Had some great times at Foo Foo's.

**John Huxley** Going to FooFoo's place was an experience. That's for sure.

**Neil 'Parky' Parkinson** Been on stage with him at the Lightbown pub also used to see him walking his dog outside Monroes on London Road.

**Jane Huxley** Well hello there bro! Yes I experienced some hen nights there! Lol . XX



**Gaz Worrall** Neil 'Parky' Parkinson his manager owns monroes

**John Huxley** Went with Carol's firm. Hmmm, interesting.

**Janet Desmond** What a wonderful guy foo foo was we used to go every weekend my freind got cancer an he went to visit every weekend till she died ! Xx

**Jane Huxley** Yes John, I can imagine! Lol XX

**Neil 'Parky' Parkinson** Gaz knew he had a connection with Monroes

**Karen Hennessy** Had my hen party there, great night out

**Gaz Worrall** He also had a bar in the village.

With working there bet I've met lots of you.

**Andrew Armstrong** I used to wash his hair every Saturday he would never go home at the end of the day and always made us late home but good memory's of him. Saw him about two wks before he died

**Andrew Armstrong** Oh who are the two girls on the picture with him they look familiar

**Gwen Richards** The girl in white was a friend of mine years ago but can't remember her bloody name lol

**Albert Due** Went once, they banned me, oh well!!!!

**Andrew Armstrong** The dark dress girl to?

**Rene'e McCormick** The one n only Foo Foo, he was Great... sadly missed.

**Debbie Sharples** Had many a good night in foo foo's...

**Paula Curley** Used to work behind the bar there good times!! Xx

**Jack Sherratt** The nights we spent in Foo Foo's unbelievable fun !!

**Dave Hall** He was a great supporter of a lot of local

charity's

**Gill Cordingley** My dad went to school with him and his brothers, lived in same street.

**Joanne Bradley** I had my hen do there it was brill. X

**Christopher Lane** Alias Frank Pearson

**Amanda Milner** Loved that place.

**Jackie Wilson** Was great night there, I had my hen night there !

**Sue Austin** went to a couple of hen doo's there had a good night each time brother in law worked the door too

**Eunice Smith** Great nights - never stopped laughing

**Martin Parker** I once went in 1974 when it was my cousins 21st birthday party.....foo foo went passed me and took a chip off my plate. She said ooh that's a nice chip, your plates quite hot.....I was speechless to say the least!! Lol

**Jane Roberts** My mum was a childhood friend of Frank's

**Gwen Richards** I remember her name now it's Joanne I think we worked together at lux lux/ ritz in Glossop.

**Gill Cordingley** Jane Roberts was your mum from Bradford, my dad and uncles were childhood friends of Frank and his brothers.

**Serisa Macfadyen** I loved it xxx

**Ashley Briggs** Went many a time when I was about 12 I used to walk his German Shepherd Zimba every day a beautiful dog and used to get a pound every time !! But I only did it for the love of the dog !!!

**Maggie Davies** Remember it was a great place to go and enjoy yourself.

**Geraldine Hailwood** Had my hen night there, brilliant night, my mam and auntie came they were shocked to say

the least!!! Ha ha their faces were a sight to see !!

**Lynn Finnigan** The best thing was that you could dance on tables and no health and safety (trying to say it nice) person would tell you to get down x

**Tracy Hathaway** lovely person.....had my 21st there got a pic of him with his leg wrapped around me lol I look well embarrassed...always remember getting beer spilt on you if you had to squeeze through the crowds to get to the ladies lol xx xx

**Irene Williams** I had my hen night there.it was always a good night out at foo foo's palace.

I am reading franks autobiography at the moment.

**Gareth J Bond** My Father was also a Cabaret act and used to do Foo foo's. I used to play drums there too.

**Pamela Lennon** Yes a legend! Thanks for highlighting x

**Maxine Rimmer Connolly** Foo was friends with my mum n dad, and uncle. Xx

**Suzanne Leith** Foo foo used to come in the roast beef muffin sandwich bar on key street also the film exchange next door where I worked

**Lisa Rockett** Was Jones. I went foo foos for my hen night 1992. X

**Gareth J Bond** The bells are ringing. Usual opening number.

**Christina Lamb** My sister went there a lot x

**Linda Bailey** The place to be so good

**Pat Bradbury** Ha Ha many a good night there. One in particular was a works do there and one of the party got a beetle on the salad. It was hilarious cos it was there. I think Foo Foo's Palace was an exaggeration!!!

**Tanvir Hamid** Mr Manchester himself,  
Anthony H Wilson. RIP! Like 77 Comments 29

**Hazel Bernard** He came into the petrol station where I  
used to work 35 years ago ,but  
I didn't really know who he  
was until I thought about it.



**Joy Smith** Tony Wilson x. My  
in laws lived on old Broadway  
Withington, next to Richard  
and Judy. But then they sold  
up and moved to Marple,

Hollins Road, so we went to Romily.

**Hazel Bernard** I live on Stockport Rd Marple ,I think  
Hollins Rd is near me.

**John Ellis** Factory records, legend! R.I.P Tony ..

**Joy Smith** Yes up the hill, wow lovely part of the  
country, I never wanted to move. My 4 sons had lots  
of friends there. If I ever come back to England that is  
where I will come ... for sure

**Cheryl Skadins-Mitchell** He was a lovely person x

**Joy Smith** Tony lived near to Richard and Judy, sorry  
didn't say before.

**Ken Boulton** Met him once.

Very disappointed very arrogant man.

**Joy Smith** Think he came across like that, but was not  
really, he did have good club in the Hacienda.

**Shane Sullivan** He went to De La Salle college on  
Weaste Lane.

**Graeme Davies** He did a lot for the city of m/c good guy

**Joy Smith** He really did do alot and he was well  
educated.

**Ken Boulton** Did a great job for the Manchester music scene. Just didn't like the Guy.

**Joy Smith** Really did. Manchester was the place to be then for Music.

**Joy Smith** Do you remember the chat shows on Friday nights with Tony Wilson, it got very heated sometimes.

**Shane Sullivan** Also had Lucy Meacock and Steve Coogan made some early appearances on it. Twas called The Late Debate.

**Joy Smith** Yes Shane, great program.

**John Dalton** Legend!

**John Ellis** They always looked Pissed on the late debate, think they just came out of the hacienda lol

**Sylvia Searles** I met him once, when I was at college; he was doing a documentary about young people.

Great man

**John Dalton** He used to live at the top of my avenue in West Didsbury!!! He had one of those weird Citroens that drop there suspension when parked!

**Tanvir Hamid** Citroen BX

**Stephen Williams** Lucy Meacock, she was called mycock no wonder she changed her name.

**Stephen Williams** God bless Mr Wilson.

**Christine Stanway** My friend fancied him like hell but mainly I think cos of his trendy hairstyle!

**Rob Heyes** I used to see Tony a lot in Brazennose PO always interesting to talk to, a real gen.

**Janet Griffiths** I liked him xx

**Lynda Chambers** Met him in St Marys , when his wife gave birth to OLIVER ,, I had my beautiful twins then ,, Bk in 1984 ,,,

## Bernard Manning

**Steven Graham**<sup>f</sup>

Ok guys seen Foo Foo. What about Bernard Manning?  
Greatest fundraiser ever. No Stewart Hall!!!!

Like 37 comments 21

**Jane Huxley** Saw Bernard M once and a young lady in our group made the mistake of going to the loo, whilst he was on stage! Oh boy did he give her some stick!

**Steven Graham** Beer yes loo no.



**Lynn Finnigan** Mother in law jokes z

**Geraldine Hailwood** So funny!! But you could not move from your seat, or you would be the target of his next shall we say joke??? Hilarious!!!! Certainly not for the faint hearted!!! Lol

**Lynn Finnigan** Remember the comedians , he was PC on that.

**Margaret Perkins** It was all in good fun from Bernard, we went in his Palladium club in Collyhurst every week during our ‘courting’ days.

**John Kidd** I remember going on a stag night to the Embassy in 1983 not long after the Falklands War had finished, Bernard comes on stage and straight away says “Ladies & Gentleman, we’ve got 2 lads in here tonight, who fought in the Falklands War” and immediately everyone in the place was clapping and cheering, he then followed it up with “They’re f\*\*king Argentinians, why do you want to clap for shit like that!!” Hilarious

**Lynn Finnigan** I remember driving past his club every week taking my son to Booth Hall Hospital.

**Mags Cummings** The last time I saw Bernard Manning was at Karl Denver’s funeral back in 1998.

**Zahira Muhammad** He was the best.

## Bernard Manning

**Mel West** He was fantastic! So were the other Comedians! I like the one about the Falklands John!

**Roger Lloyd** I remember waiting with him outside Midland bank waiting for it to open. At 10am it did not open so he was banging on the door shouting “get this door open”. when we got into the bank he started singing. Then stated. “I am going to do stars on Sunday” imagine him doing that lol.

**Colin Wickham** Bernard one of manchesters finest, a really funny man and he did loads 4 charity as well. Saw him at ashton united club, he on his way 2 batley variety club, and did an hour at ashton 2 honour a gateman who was retiring, app he knew bernard. Top man mr. Manning, geniune character, and his embassy club an xcellent venue. Bet he making ‘em laugh beyond the stars now.

**Steven Jackson** As he used to say, not one of the best, the f..king best! Very funny bloke.

**Gwen Reeve** Saw him at the Garter and Embassey, very funny and a real Manchester Man.

**Margaret Fletcher** He use to travel overnight to Newquay, perform and come back the next day, loved him on the Wheeltappers and Shunters club .

**John Holmes** One joke always make me laugh. Bloke opens his front door and sees a man running past, red-faced and soaked in sweat.

‘What’s up mate?’ says the householder.

The running man gasps, ‘A lion’s escaped from the zoo’ his eyes wild with fear.

‘Which way is it going?’ says the householder.

‘Well, you don’t think I’m \*\*\*\*\* chasing it do you?’  
Classic Bernard.

## Competition



Can you identify the six famous faces?

Answer on page 230

**From an idea based on Terence Embury Hunt posts**





**Freda Hill** Which cinema's did you go to? Remember The Forum and Coronation in Northenden? The Scala Withington, Tatler Gatley? Remember seeing loads of Hammer Horror films hahaha. Where did you go?

**Dorothea Forshaw** From being 12 the cresta on princess road, fallowfield and scala, wihington. and many more.

**Sheila Wiseman** Trocadero on Wilmslow" road.. affectionately Nick named "flea pit" during school hols and Saturday had kids shows on.. saw love story there during time off school due to power strikes... such fun x

**Mags Cummings** It was The Tatton in Gatley, that's where I used to go when I was a kid to the Saturday club. We'd buy blue lollies from shop on the way. It was mayhem inside especially when Roy Rogers came on. When I got older I'd go to the Forum as well.

**Helen Roberts** Went to kids club in Didsbury Village , remember stamping feet to Glad all over, before the films began, and booing n cheering at villains and heros

**Paul Bexfield** The Odeon Gaumont and Oxford in town then The Essoldos at Gorton Reddish and Stockport the Palace in Levenshulme The Davenport Stockport Savoy Heaton Moor and the Apollo ABC Ardwick Green oh and Rusholme Rep next to Walter Carters depository and The Trocadero Wilmslow Road and its sister The Imperial Brookes Bar Lastly the Premier and Temple Cinemas in Cheetham Hill .....obviously hated going !!!

**Doreen Bowie** The Scala in Withington Saturday Matinees we moved to Cheadle when I was 16 so was then the Tatton. Gatley had my first real date there.

**Irene Hannon**

Does anybody remember Gordon Ray ? He used to manage the Butler Cinema on Butler St. Then the Astor in Collyhurst & the Regent opposite the Balmoral on Rochdale Rd. Then he went to the Empress on Oldham Rd. Always walking round with his flit spray freshening the air. All bug huts I know, but some good times were had. Then the fair behind the Regent. There was a family who lived in a caravan . They were called Boss. There was Melita, Eli and another brother Emperor. Does anyone remember all this. Or am I just too old with a good memory ????

**Mel West** I come from Stretford, where we had the Essoldo, and the Picturedrome.

Remember when everyone used to smoke in the pictures? Hard to imagine that now....

**Val Obrien** Can anyone remember playing in or around the don't cinema collecting Clay pipes and some sort of bouncy rubber ???

**Stephen Daniel Fisher** The way the road system is there now The Mitchell Arms has been isolated !! With roads around it!!!!

**Val Obrien** The Chapmans used to run it worked with there son Pete died now his sister Bernie run's the pub near me in fails worth

**Colette Harris-Jones** My mum and aunties worked at Pollocks pipe works and made the clay smoking pipes when I was a kid in the 70's & 80's we were allowed to go in during school holidays and were allowed to Help out or make clay animals which were then put in the kiln and we used to Paint them a few days later. Happy

## Cinema

memories and great that mums were able to Take us to work. They could still earn their wages.

Wouldn't happen now.

**Tanvir Hamid**

Former Odeon Cinema, Oxford Street. Closed late 2004 & the last film I saw back then was 'The Football Factory'.

Still standing for now but to be demolished.

**Mags Cummings** Many fond memories of that place but it's not Manchester's finest building.

**Lola Dane Nolan** My granny was an usherette. We would get free popcorn n ice cream awwhh

**Michelle Biesty** What a shame ..Went to see a few films there xx

**Ashley Hill** Really? Demolished? I heard it was listed? Les Jones Manager there, put on Tom Jones 1 week followed by Englebert Humperdinck soon after ! Dick Emery was on and caused a load of fun between staff members !

**Lee Eddowes** Queued with mum & dad to see Jaws.

**Brian Howard** Was a Wurlitzer organ in there when I was a kid

**Anne French** Where do you find all your info from Tanvir? So glad you're on this site. Can't believe they are going to demolish another lovely Manchester landmark. Why can't they keep the facades of buildings like this - money before history?

**Tanvir Hamid** There have been drawings of a new building similar to that one in Piccadilly that's built next to the Odeon. It has been mooted for years but nothing has happened yet.

**Ashley Hill** Apparently the owners have stated that since it closed, most of the interior has disappeared and the building has been deemed too unsafe for it to be saved and considered for listing status.

**Anthony Keaveney** Shame that, but that building next to it could do with knocking down

**Barbara Powell** Was Cooper. Worked there as an usherette back in 1967 had a great time lots of 60's pop stars appeared there and some great films so sad to see it now.

**Avis Ward Grundy** Does anyone remember Saturday morning cinema at the Forum Northenden/Wythenshawe? 1950's

**Rochelle Berger** I remember going to the ABC Minors club on a Saturday morning at the Premier cinema.. Cheetham Hill

**Virginia Spencer** Yeah wonderful and we sang x

**Avis Ward Grundy** It was the ABC minors at the Forum, we used to spend our bus fare on sweets, then run through Wythenshawe Park acting out the films we had watched, great days!

**Marie Crowe** I do

**Pat Cowden** We are the minors, we are the minors of the ABC & every Saturday all line up to see the films we like and shout aloud with glee.....

Yes I was there at the forum in the 50s!

**Tina Renshaw** We are the boys and girls well known as ,we are the Minors of the ABC . and every Saturday all line up to see the films we love and shout aloud with glee. We like to laugh and have a sing song, such a happy crowd are we, we are the boys and girls well known as,

## Actors & Actresses

We are the minors of the ABC

We used to dance on stage and win a Fab lolly,I distinctly remember dancing to “Gimme dat” by The Pipkins.

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**Harold Sherd** Good day everyone Manchester has over the years bought to our tv's and cinemas great actors and actresses anyone remember Peter Powel who lived in Eccles he played Jesus Christ was the the film called Jesus Christ Superstar ??..

Like 23 Comments 40

**Kay France** think you mean Robert Powel? x

**Gail Brown** It was called Jesus of Nazareth.

**Anne French** Yes remember his name.

**Michael Carr** Peter Powel was a dj I think.

**Shane Sullivan** Yes he came from just off Lancaster Road I believe.

**Harold Sherd** Many thanks for his name and the film name.

**Lynda Brookes** John Thaw I think came from Salford

**Anne Tomlin** John Thaw from Gorton then Marple!

**Wendy Moore** His name was Robert Powell and he married babs out of pans people x

**Judy Nicholls** Christopher Eccleston was a local lad.

**Margaret Kehoe** Still is.

**Ali N Gareth Roberts** Ben Kingsley grew up in Pendlebury.

**Frank Lawless** Joe Gladwin.....

**Ali N Gareth Roberts** Joe Gladwin lived in Crumpsall ( my mum used to pay his pension at Crumpsall PO)

**Hazel Mayer** Going back but actor Robert Donat was from Didsbury. My dad saw him once on Oxford Rd

## Actors & Actresses

Anthony Armistead Robert Powell

**Jayce Shell** Joe Gladwin indeed lived on Herristone Rd Crumpsall, across the road from the boyfriend I was seeing at the time

**Jayce Shell** Davy Jones from Openshaw , about half a mile from where i lived at the time. Elkie Brooks from Cheetham Hill : Eric Stewart mindbenders and 10 cc came from Nanson st area Beswick. Wayne Fontana , Mount Rd Gorton..the list is endless !!!

**Frank Lawless** then there are all the Jewish ones, Maureen Lipton, for one....

**Jayce Shell** Lipman is from Leeds but her hubby Jack Rosenthal was Manchester. Peter Noone Urmston. Mick Hucknall Denton. Jason Orange Ashton. Bernard Manning. Eric Sykes, Bernard Cribbens , Oldham. ROGER BYRNE. Captain of Man Utd RIP Munich was from Gorton /Reddish borders Tony Day, James Day, Flixton, drummer in 'The Kingdom'. Ok he's only 17 and the bands been going a few month's, but no harm in giving him/them a plug.

**John Holmes** Jayce, you're right, Roger Byrne was born and bred in Gorton and attended Ryder Brow School, along with Brian Statham, Lancashire and England fast bowler who partnered Fred Trueman in many England test teams. Rip both of these greats.

**Jane Eaton** Maureen Lipman was from Hull and met Jack Rosenthal at The Stables, a small theatre near Granada Studios which existed in the sixties.

**David Berry** John Thaw RIP was born in Collyhurst.

**Michael Carr** Les Dawson went to my dads school in Collyhurst.

**John Holmes** I thought John Thaw was born in West Gorton and brought up in Longsight.

He went to Ducie Avenue School, is that not correct?

**Caroline McCartan** John Thaw was born in Longsight... grew up in Gorton & Burnage...apparently.x

**Anne Bostock** Anthony Powel was an actor and the father of Robert. My ex mother in law had a bit of a fling with Anthony Powel.

**Carol A Franklin** Shelagh Delaney, writer, was born next door in Salford.

**Sue Copp** Alexandra Bastedo of 'The Champions' was from Rusholme I believe. Graham Durrall had a pet shop on Wilmslow Road in Rusholme. They had monkeys in there!

**John Holmes** Sue, Alexandra Bastedo was born in Hove in Sussex.

## **Greatest Black and White Movies of all time**

- 1.Citizen Kane (1941)
- 2.The Best Years of Our Lives (1946)
- 3.La Grande Illusion (1937)
- 4.Schindler's List (1993)
- 5.Paths of Glory (1957)
- 6.Psycho (1960)
- 7.To Kill a Mockingbird (1962)
- 8.The Treasure of the Sierra Madre (1948)
- 9.Sunset Boulevard (1950)
- 10.La Strada (1954)
- 11.Casablanca (1942)
- 12.Lost Horizon (1937)

Which ones have you seen?



**Julie Shorrock** Not really a memory more a question. Just watched Schindlers List and cried like a baby. One of the most brilliant awful heartbreaking films I've ever watched. What films have you watched that have really affected and moved you? X Like 21 comments 86

**Judith Sandiford** Gone with the Wind and Dr Zhivago got me.

**Anne Conway Burke** yeah the green mile was a top film

**Jodie Firmston** I've just bought the "Colour Purple" off Amazon 2 pound.

**Wendy Gibson** Champ

**Margaret Newman Swanick** The little house on the prairie used to get me every week. I hated that Mrs Ingles & Kramer v Kramer

**Neil Chapman** Marley and me

**Paul Phillips** Cry freedom, 12 angry men, murder in Mississippi, Mississippi burning, of mice and men.

**Paul Powers** There's only one that gets to me, Watership Down has me sobbing like a baby every time.

**Vicky Bolton** There is so many but the last one was The book thief.

**Sharon Aarons** The Notebook and the last scene in 'Cold Case' on TV really gets to me

**Anne Conway Burke** I love cold case the background music gets me

**Stephen Lawrence** I watched a film years ago when i was about 10 it was called the champ with Jon Voight it made me cry

**Vicky Bolton** I know its not a film but the end of Blackadder goes forth gets me every time.

**John JP Sherratt** For an oldie it has to be the musical Carousel when they sing You'll Never Walk Alone at the end. For a newbie, another musical Dirty Dancing at the end with Time of My Life.

**Carol Boardman** Roots

**Julie Shorrock** Thank you all for your comments.some wonderful films here and some i need to watch.Bed for me now.Night you lovely people.x

**Stephen Lawrence** Who will love my children with tyne Daley

**Jemma Walsh** Deer hunter, and that one that's about the guy in prison that's clever, can't remember the name.

**Leonie Witter Strachan** The Green Mile, The Colour Purple and Shawshank Redemption. I also saw a movie many years ago named Carolina Skeletons that made me blub too.

**Dave Keogh** Awakenings with Robin Williams and Rain Man to name 2

**Mike Ginder** Jungle book

**Diane White McCarthy** The notebook Beaches Titanic The Champ I could go on theres so many I kinda cry at anything!!!

**Hayley Reed Cunningham** I've chocked on most of them films too others that have got to me are it's a wonderful life and (I don't know why) click! I've watched it more than once and cry every time lol. I know how it ends!!! Why do I still cry?!? Ha ha

**Hayley Reed Cunningham** Although I fill up reading a nice verse in the card shop! Lol

**Diane White McCarthy** Armageddon!! When Bruce dies it makes me sob!!!

## People



## Lamplighter

### Debbie Hall

My a Great Grandad..the last lamplighter/knocker upper  
Like 161



**Mags Cummings** Oh how wonderful, what a piece of history.

Lovely photograph.

**Debbie Hall** Got them all in my hallway,always got my family round me that way,thanks ladies.

**Sandra Toy** Great photo! Debbie.xx

**Frances Merrick**

That's a wonderful photo Debbie.

I remember my mam telling me about the knocker ups.xx

**Cathy Hayes** please tell me i've always wondered who woke up the knocker up person.

**Janet Williams** Wow! That's a great picture. You're so lucky to have it.

**John Holmes** What a great story and a lovely photograph, so precious to keep and show relatives too.

**Andy Steel** Wow! My great grandad was a knocker upper in Ancoats and Miles Platting. My grandads birth certificate shows occupation of father as,Street Lamp Lighter.

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## Lamplighter

**Maggie Hodgkin** What a lovely photo x

**Brian Burnett** My Uncle Ernie was the Window cleaner, the knocker up, and would get rid of unwanted pups & kittens. I'll leave that to your imagination. I'm going back now 70yrs approx.

**Harry Connolly** our knocker upper was JOHNNY MORRIS. Does anyone know him or remember him from Collyhurst.

**Barry Davies** What a great bit of history. You must be very proud xx

**Maureen Stephenson** What a beautiful picture!

**John Ellis** Could have done with him this morning, I overslept for work lol

**Jacqueline Quinn** He must have done my mums house, I have got a piece of Lladro of the gay lighter man

**Ann Gale** Beautiful young lady and proud young man, wonderful photo x

**Sue Austin** The young womans clothes are stunning the man very smart. I would love to know what they would think of the styles of today

**Maureen Stephenson** Cathy Hayes I read that the knocker upper, stays up and does not go to bed, to make sure that they are awake , so they can do their job of getting their customers out of bed!

**Debbie Hall** Pretty certain he lived/worked in Rusholme. Thankyou all for your lovely comments..

**Roy Dutton** A knocker-upper was a profession in England and Ireland that started during and lasted well into the Industrial Revolution and at least as late as the 1920's, before alarm clocks were affordable or reliable. A knocker-up's job was to rouse sleeping people.

## My Grandparents



**Avis Ward Grundy**

I think this photograph was taken in the early 1900's it is my Grandmother sitting with my Great Grandmother and the taxi driver, my Grandfather is the one standing. Apparently it was a Blackpool trip, They all lived in Ardwick

Like 54 comments 24

**Patricia O'connor**

Fantastic, I just love looking at these wonderful pictures, thanx.

**Avis Ward Grundy** It's

a shame the quality of the photograph isn't better. The number plate on the car looks a bit strange!! Lol

**Julie Minshull** Dapper Grandfather!

**Row Cardew** Fantastic to see these sepia pics.

Real treasures

**John Carrington** Great picture Avis and great history too. They must of been a well heald family. I bet that reg plate would be worth a great deal today.

**Avis Ward Grundy** No they weren't really, My Grandfather worked away from home as a silversmith, when he came home he had the money to spend!

**Brian Burnett** That Number plate bothers me its all back to front.

**John Carrington** well Avis the man had style..... Think that might be down to the cameras of that time

## My Grandparents

**Julie Minshull** Maybe the negative was the wrong way round?

**Avis Ward Grundy** I think it is like John said, it's the cameras they had at that time.

**Mags Cummings** I can try to restore it a bit if you'd like me to Avis. I can post it back here when it's done.

I have Paint Shop Pro it won't take me long.

**Avis Ward Grundy** That would be great Mags, thanks

**Mags Cummings** Had a go it looks a bit shiny on the R.

**Avis Ward Grundy** That's

great Mags, thank you! I wonder if I can find out the year from the car reg.

**Mags Cummings** This is just turned round and a few scratches removed.

**Angie Mcfc Thomas** Did a bit of digging on the reg Avis, registration plates came in to being on January 1st 1904 the letter prefix N means it was registered in Manchester, and they started at 1 and carried on until reaching 9999 then they

swapped the letter to a suffix and started again. They reached N9999 in 1913. Your reg seems to be just over half way so I'd guess around 1907 (a greater number of cars were registered as motoring became more popular through the decade). I'll route round a bit more for you.



## Great Uncle George



### **Debbie Hall**

He started as a telegraph boy at a tender age and worked for the GPO until the day he retired, not a bad record. My Great Uncle, George Shrigley..

35 people like this.

### **Maureen Stephenson**

Debbie Hall I remember, when I was very small... telegrams would be delivered by

young men on motor cycles. I'll never forget one, coming for my mum.. and she read it and started crying ... and told me that her mother had died! This was around 1947/48. We live all these many years, and yet certain memories, you never forget!

**Debbie Hall** Indeed you don't...far cry from the times we're in now and everyone from all over the world is able to contact each other at the push of a computer/ phone button.

**Graham Diggle** Remember them delivering telegrams on push bikes.

**Yvonne Fitzpatrick** Jobs were for life in those days!

**Carole Watterson** The dreaded telegrams that arrived at the door during the war. It must have been a terrible way to find out a loved one had been killed in battle.

**Kathleen Donnelly Hampshire** lovely picture



**Tony Cunningham** My wedding day 50 year's still going strong...

226 people like this. Comments 80



**Valerie Walker** Its our anniversary next week. Wait for the photos! St Marys in Davyhulme, church was full of scaffolding inside!!! Reception at Bleak house, Urmston.

**Tony Cunningham** Congratulations Valerie

**Valerie Walker** Aw, thank you Tony. We will be in an area where wifi might be slow so I'm keeping my fingers xssed that my photos

will appear on the correct day. We shall be in Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

**Hazel Bernard** I have a couple of your wedding pics Val ,but I have no way of putting them up, you both look gorgeous Tony, so glad you are both still happy

**Hazel Bernard** You could if you had found the right one Christine

**Linda Nuttall** The years just pass by Christine,you can't imagine being married for 50 years, but one morning there you are Golden Wedding Day...how did that happen.....Happy Golden Wedding to Tony and wife, such a lovely photograph.

**Hazel Bernard** It would have been 50 years this year for me & my wonderful husband ,that I lost 9 years ago ,

**Tony Cunningham** Sorry Hazel Bernard x

*Hazel Bernard* thank you Tony, we were together from being 15 ,its so hard to live without the other half of you.

**Tony Cunningham** Same age as us

**Hazel Bernard** we were 20 & 21 when we married, what were you

**Maggie Davies** Well we have been together 42 years and still going... not many of us left.

**Tony Cunningham** Ditto Hazel

**Hazel Bernard** I hope you have another 50 happy years  
Tony x

**Linda Nuttall** Know how you feel Hazel, we managed 50 years last year, but my lovely husband Colin died 9 months ago, so this year for the 1st time I had my anniversary on my own. I was just 20 and Colin was 24 when we got married in 1963. Would not change one day of it.

**Carol Reddock** Congratulations.

**Hazel Bernard** So sorry Linda ,I wouldn't change a day either, I used to love our life together, now I wonder what life is all about.

**Sandra Carroll** I was 16, Neil was 19 when we met we have been together 46 yr married for 44 yr still going strong xx

**Dorothea Forshaw** Aww Carol thats lovely.xx

**Sandra Carroll** Got no faults in my marriage or am I just lucky to have found the right person x.

**Sue Noble** I've been with my partner 15 year and we have the perfect relationship.

**Sylvia Searles**

My beautiful Great Aunt  
Gladys. Relation to the  
Molineaux and Webb Glass  
factory in Ancoats. And was  
a wonderful tailoress.

**Anne Parnell** Looks like a  
film star x x

**Sylvia Searles** Sad part is  
she never married. she did  
have a love of her life but  
couldn't marry him; facts  
they had a falling out and  
he married years later but she must have still loved him.

That, I think, makes her more beautiful as there is a  
mystery to who the fellow was....so the story goes x

**Lillian Moore** Beautiful photo.

**Sylvia Searles** Thank you! the worst hasn't come yet;  
she lived a good life; met many suiters but never resulted  
in anything. She always reminisced and always took care  
of her wellbeing and looks. Sadly she went blind by the  
time she was in her mid 70s after all the beautiful  
wedding gowns she had made. A beautiful woman that  
had a good life. I'm glad I shared and thank you for your  
comments x. She was an inspiration xx

**Deborah Fox** What a beautiful inspiration to have....  
such a shame about the loss of eyesight although her  
visions were clearly kept safe within.

**Sylvia Searles** she was Christina Lowry, she was reading  
Charles Dickens when she was 11 years of age. My mam  
still have the books and the writing is so tiny. x



## Can Can

### **Sandra Ann Missenden**

Who can can can I can ,do you remember these at the seaside 16 people like this. 5 more comments

**Maria Foster** My auntie was a tilla girl she was a very



special lady loved all the stories of her dancing days.

**Dorothea Forshaw** Thank god tights came in hey.and getting those seams straight. Good memories.xx

**Sandra Ann Missenden** God I forgot about the seems.

I was to young but my cousin used a black pencil to paint them on I can remember her saying is my line straight? She put gravy brown on her legs then put a line down. Do you remember that?

**Steven Graham** Still got em in Blackpool. Outside Debenhams in the centre.

**Sandra Ann Missenden** I think this was taken in Blackpool I was 13.

## New Job

**Simone Howe** I know it's nothing to do with any memories people had but I start a new job after being made redundant in October 2013. I start a new job at Manchester Royal Infirmary as a Clerical Officer on Monday. I only found out today but am so pleased. At last I may be able to afford to go on holiday sometime this year as I've not been away for 5 years so am having a few vinos tonight and tomorrow and then it's heads down on Sunday ready for Monday morning. So pleased  
Likes 358 Comments 151

**Angie Mcfc Thomas** Well done Simone and good luck x

**Wendy Moore** Well done you are the right person for the job x

**Joyce Wells** I wish you all the luck in the world well done and good luck.

Enjoy your holiday where ever you go x

**Simone Howe** Thanks Wendy, means a lot after having to go on Jobseekers Allowance for 8 months. One thing it has taught me is learning how to budget.

**Jossie Rotthier** Well done Simone and good luck in your new job!

**Jane Huxley** That's great news, well done! Good luck x

**Jemma Walsh** Good luck,x

**Simone Howe** Don't know where I'll be going Joyce, but wherever I go I will enjoy, even if it's in this country. I love Cornwall, especially Newquay. The last place I went to abroad was Malta.

**Karen Hennessy Simone** as you only found out to-day, don't forget if you've been unemployed for over 6 months you can get a 4 week run on in housing benefit but you must tell them now, other wise you lose it, once

you start your job it's too late.

If you get housing benefit go on to the council website for housing benefit and you will be able to complete a change of circumstances form tonight.

**Karen Hennessy** That also applies to council tax benefit

**Joyce Wells Simone** Wherever you go will be brilliant just for the fact you choose to go and can afford to go.

**Nige Gillen** Congrats, we're more or less colleagues then as I work there too!

**Marj Unsworth** Well done , I feel very happy for you. I hope you enjoy it.x

**Simone Howe** Already done it Karen, I get my housing benefit on 24th June and I think I'm entitled to another lot next month also but am waiting to hear back from them. Have also applied for working tax credit as the wage isn't great (but it's better than JSA!!) so I've been online to work out roughly how much I could be entitled to. Every little helps when you live on your own. I'm also entitled to council tax benefit. What makes me mad Karen is that they don't remind you what you're entitled to. I'm quite new to living alone so am not really clued up as to everything I can claim for and feel a bit of a scrounger.

**Hilda Little** Good luck in your new job.

**Irene Williams** congratulations.Might see you around then, as I work there on renal admin.

**Linda Ashall** Well done and good luck.

**Christine Connaughton** Good luck ..... It's nice to hear good things happening for people x

**Karen Hennessy** Give me a shout Simone if I can help with anything, only too happy to.

## In the good old days

My mum used to cut chicken, chop eggs and spread butter on bread on the same cutting board with the same knife and no bleach, but we didn't seem to get food poisoning.

Our school sandwiches were wrapped in wax paper in a brown paper bag, not in ice pack coolers, but I can't remember getting e.coli.

Almost all of us would have rather gone swimming in the lake or at the beach instead of a pristine pool (talk about boring), no beach closures then.

We all took PT ..... and risked permanent injury with a pair of Dunlop sandshoes instead of having cross-training athletic shoes with air cushion soles and built in light reflectors that cost as much as a small car. I can't recall any injuries but they must have happened because they tell us how much safer we are now.

We got the cane for doing something wrong at school, they used to call it discipline yet we all grew up to accept the rules and to honour & respect those older than us.

We had 30+ kids in our class and we all learned to read and write, do maths and spell almost all the words needed to write a grammatically correct letter....., FUNNY THAT!!

We all said prayers in school and sang the national anthem, and staying in detention after school caught all sorts of negative attention.

I thought that I was supposed to accomplish something before I was allowed to be proud of myself.

I just can't recall how bored we were without computers, Play Station, Nintendo, X-box or 270 digital TV cable stations. We weren't!!

## In the good old days

Oh yeah .... and where was the antibiotics and sterilisation kit when I got that bee sting? I could have been killed!

We played “King of the Hill” on piles of gravel left on vacant building sites and when we got hurt, mum pulled out the 2/6p bottle of iodine and then we got our backside spanked.

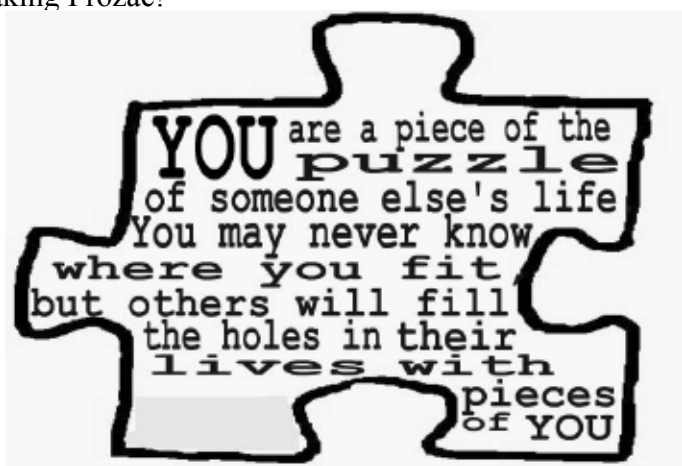
Now it's a trip to the emergency room, followed by a 10 day dose of antibiotics and then mum calls the lawyer to sue the contractor for leaving a horribly vicious pile of gravel where it was such a threat.

To top it off, not a single person I knew had ever been told that they were from a dysfunctional family.

How could we possibly have known that?

We never needed to get into group therapy and/or anger management classes.

We were obviously so duped by so many societal ills, that we didn't even notice that the entire country wasn't taking Prozac!





We was brung up proper!

**David Stringer** WE WAS BRUNG UP PROPER!

“And we never had a whole Mars bar until 1993”!!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL MY FRIENDS WHO  
WERE BORN IN THE

1930's 1940's, 50's, 60's and early 70's !

First, we survived being born to mothers who smoked  
and/or drank while they carried us and lived in houses  
made of asbestos...

They took aspirin, ate blue cheese, raw egg products,  
loads of bacon and processed meat, tuna from a can, and  
didn't get tested for diabetes or cervical cancer.

Then after that trauma, our baby cots were covered with  
bright coloured lead-based paints.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or  
cabinets and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets  
or shoes, not to mention, the risks we took hitchhiking.  
As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or  
air bags.

We drank water from the garden hose and NOT from a  
bottle.

Take away food was limited to fish and chips, no pizza  
shops, McDonalds , KFC, Subway or Nandos...

Even though all the shops closed at 6.00pm and didn't  
open on a Sunday, somehow we didn't starve to death!

We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one  
bottle and NO ONE actually died from this.

We could collect old drink bottles and cash them in at the  
corner store and buy Toffees, Gobstoppers, Bubble Gum  
and some bangers to blow up frogs with.

We ate cupcakes, white bread and real butter and drank  
soft drinks with sugar in it, but we weren't overweight

We was brung up proper!

because.....WE WERE ALWAYS OUTSIDE PLAY-  
ING!!

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on.

No one was able to reach us all day. And we were O.K.

We would spend hours building our go-carts out of old prams and then ride down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. We built tree houses and dens and played in river beds with matchbox cars.

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo Wii , X-boxes, no video games at all, no 999 channels on SKY , no video/dvd films, no mobile phones, no personal computers, no Internet or Internet chat rooms.....

WE HAD FRIENDS and we went outside and found them! We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no

Lawsuits from these accidents.

Only girls had pierced ears!

We ate worms and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever.

You could only buy Easter Eggs and Hot Cross Buns at Easter time...

We were given air guns and catapults for our 10th birthdays.

We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just yelled for them!

Mum didn't have to go to work to help dad make ends meet because we didn't need to keep up with the Jones's!

Not everyone made the rugby/football/cricket/netball team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. Imagine that!! Getting into the team was

We was brung up proper!

based on MERIT

Our teachers used to hit us with canes and gym shoes and throw the blackboard rubber at us if they thought we weren't concentrating .

We can string sentences together and spell and have proper conversations because of a good, solid three R's education.

Our parents would tell us to ask a stranger to help us cross the road.

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of.

They actually sided with the law!

Our parents didn't invent stupid names for their kids like 'Kiora' and 'Blade' and 'Ridge' and 'Vanilla' and 'Tiger' We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned HOW TO DEAL WITH IT ALL !

And YOU are one of them!

CONGRATULATIONS!

You might want to share this with others who have had the luck to grow up as kids, before the lawyers and the government regulated our lives for our own good.

And while you are at it, forward it to your kids so they will know how brave their parents were.

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**Moiria Edge** Have to agree with Mary, and I can compare the generations and feel that I was far happier and content with my lot even though we had bugger all, than my children and grandchildren , us oldies appreciated what we had and that wasn't much, Davids post was just a fun statement nothing to get het up about, xxx

We was brung up proper!

**Colin Rex Deering** Forgive me for saying this but I was born in 1943 and have noticed the youth gradually get more aggressive as the years go by, not all I may add, we were no angels but the streets were not full of drunken youngsters or the clubs full of young drug peddlers.

**Moiria Edge** glad I spent my childhood in the 50s and my teenage yrs in the 60s. xx

**Janet Olivia Cox** Danny Collins I certainly do not have rose coloured spectacles about my youth. I took unnecessary risks, put myself in danger, experienced things I would not want another generation to experience. Every generation is unique as I have said.

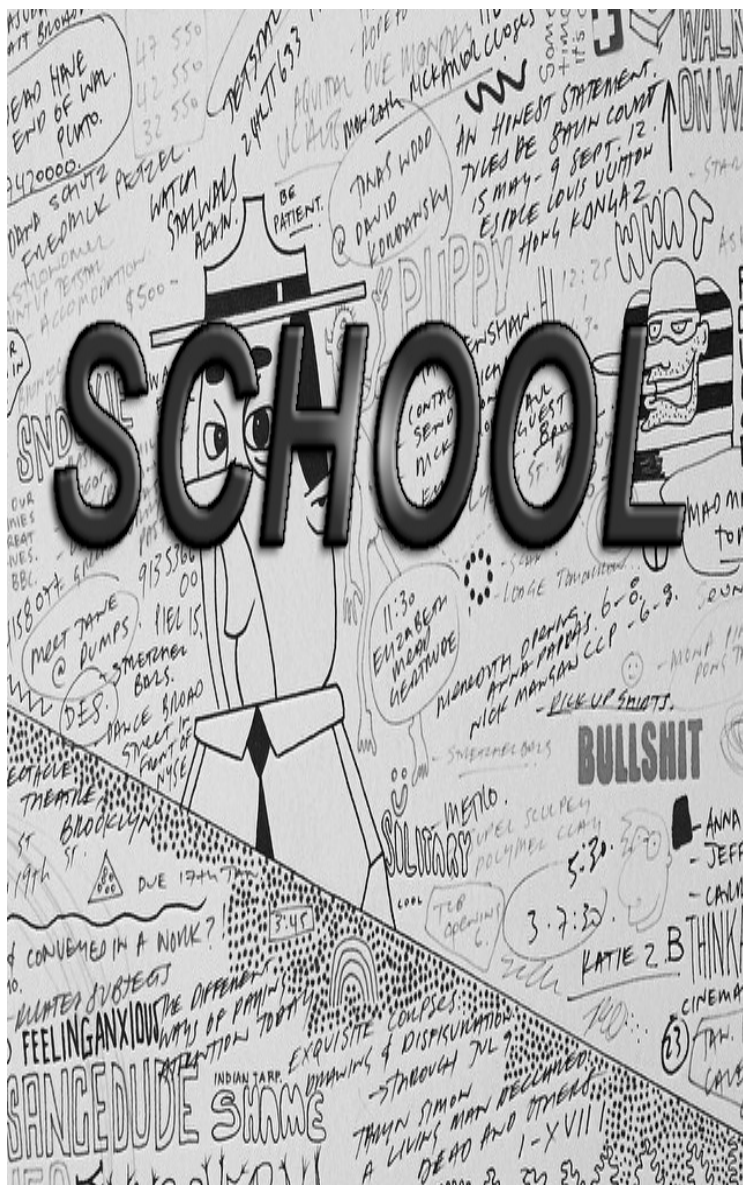
**Colin Rex Deering** Didn't have Teddy Boys in the forces so I cant comment on them but i belive they fought amongst themselves or other such gangs not beating up old folk for there pension, should we bring in conscription like America so that the youth can learn a trade or can we do without the forces altogether.

**Janet Olivia Cox** I do believe that conscription is an answer to the hopelessness that youths seem to feel today. Most Countries have some sort of military training. I have no idea why we don't.

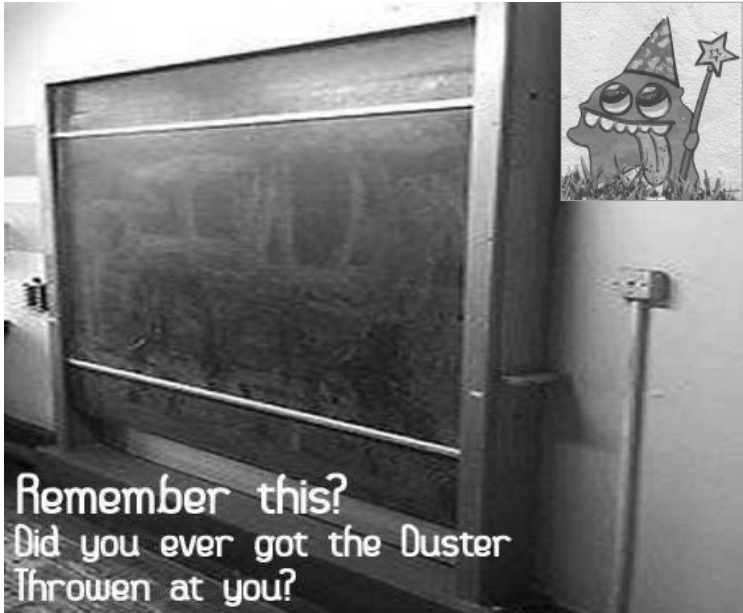
**Janet Olivia Cox** We fought for freedom in 70s/80s and now we have it, we do not know how to deal with it. Young people are benefiting from our fight for freedom of choice but seem to require guidance. Conscription would give them that direction on how to make a choice.

**Colin Rex Deering** Love my Grandchildren to bits but I feel sad that they are living in a world that seems to be heading in the wrong direction. Try to teach them the values that I was brought up by.

## School



## Blackboard Duster



**Sue Noble**

or did you get the strap ?

**Likes 69 Comments 119**

**Alan Maguire** We had a geography teacher, Mr Earp, who when he was writing on the board, would wizz round and throw the blackboard duster. The funny thing was, he always hit the right boy. To be precise, he accurately hit the desk rather than the person himself. That was more of a shock, and a reminder to behave.

**Kath Hales** Strap off horrible nuns St Patricks !!!

**Jayce Shell** "Where's me shatterproof ruler" quote Sister Sledge, says Peter Kay.

**Amanda"jammy" Womack** My science teacher Mr Ellis, threw a piece of chalk at my head for talking.

## Blackboard Duster

**Sue Shorrock** We used to have a teacher who could throw the board duster over his shoulder and hit EX-ACTLY the right person, with unerring accuracy, without even turning round ! VERY scary LOL xx

**Marie Henry** we had one teacher that would hit whoever was closest to her if she heard someone talking. she said she wsn't going to waste her time walking around the room, if we didn;t like it then we should'nt talk.

**Pat Woolacott** Mr Smith maths teacher at Poundswick lower threw it over his shoulder never missed !!

**Ate Lieb-Fisher** slogger smith poundswick high he never missed.

**Roger Lloyd** A size 11 black plimsole named Black Bess at Plant Hill school. Owned by Mr Royle

**Susan Alexander** I had a board rubber, which was meant for the kid behind me, chucked at my head and it really hurt. The teacher was Mr Chantler at Haveley Hey School, in the early 50s. He did not even apologise.

**Linda Kenyon** A teacher threw the blackboard rubber at me and my friend cos we were talking in class..my friend picked it up and threw it back at him....she got suspended for a week !!

**Joan Winder** Never let any teacher hit my kids.

**Marie Henry** i was bold-faced, why i don't know.

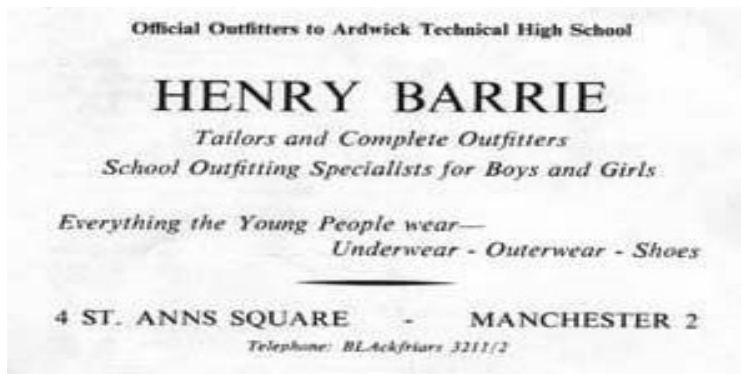
**Damian Broc Blackthorn Moore** I prefer free spirited.

**Marie Henry** but we weren't supposed to be free-spirited or stick up for ourselves; was called bold-faced for doing the latter.

**Jimmy Torrance** Teachers were bullies back then I saw one years down the line he tried talkin to me and he got told where to go slippered me every day.

## School Uniform

**Jayce Shell** This was the place that supplied all the top quality Uniforms for all the great schools we had in Manchester back in the 1960s..most sadly gone or so diminished to be unrecognisable now.



**Brenda Millward Storan** I went there for my Levenshulme high uniform

**Mary Faulkner** I bought my daughter s uniform from Henry Barries for Loreto convent. Everything had to be bought there even socks knickers etc it cost a fortune....

**Sandra Winkley** I remember Henri Barrie's it was where there is a bookshop now I think. It was really expensive and it was the only place we could get my uniform from. Stand Grammar Girls Whitefield. What a rip off!

**Sue Ridgway** I too went to Levenshulme High, uniform very expensive but could buy cheaper at Lewis's.

**Janet Olivia Cox** Henry Barries in St Annes Square was the only place that sold my uniform. I felt really special going there and getting all that stuff.

**Pamela Cox** I got my uniform for Cardinal Vaughan from Henry Barrys



## Marbles

**Jacqueline Hogg** Do you remember playing alis (marbles) in the back entry or the street...not sure of the spelling...we used to dig little holes or draw circles and we used to swap them.



**Christine Stanway** We played in the school yard and it was very competitive! Loved the game and coloured one's...remember big silver ones..were they the dobbers?

**Barbara Jones** Used to swop so many allee's for a dobber can't remember how many, think it was 5 loved playing it.

**Clive Ballantyne** Remember playing 'Allies' and also I seem to remember trying to win shiny steel ball bearings out of the circle, that was drawn with chalk anywhere we could.

**William Buckley** Did anyone go to an approved school??

**Michael Degnen** yep it was approved by the queen

**J Aldread** Borstal, yes my brother went to one

**Michael Degnen** eye john thiery was rose hill style & fostern hall then haha

**William Buckley** this site does bring back memories john... my pal went to approve school for pinchin a bottle of milk of a door step.. he did two years for it then went to borstal.. nowadays he wouldnt even got a caution# god i am gettin bloody old

**J Aldread** Buckley hall in Rochdale my brother attended, when he came home he did 200 press ups and 100 sit ups before he left his bedroom

**William Buckley** i lived in buckley bhall for a bit

**J Aldread** He can't do that now Ha ha

**William Buckley** short sharp shock it was called ... bit like shock and awe.

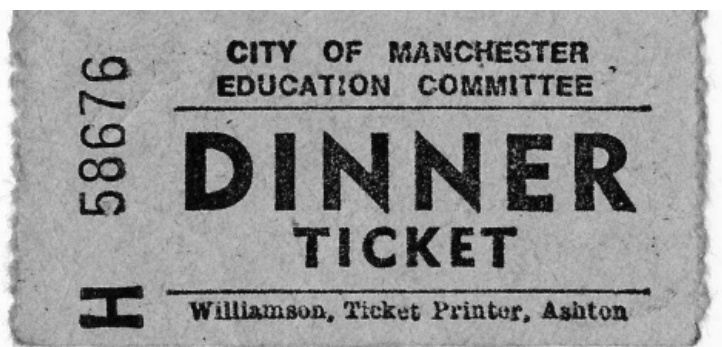
**Michael Degnen** naww me neither arthritis every joint now mee haha

**J Aldread** I nearly got borstal twice, but only just got let off with fines. Think we are all getting old now but for me, I am still 6 in my mind and always will be. Another two and a half hours and I can leave this borstal and go home.

**Michael Degnen** john ladd weell never grow up haha 56 now, eye ive got 1 son & 6 girl,s 9 g kid's. Micky's mad house but i love it they keep me going now whith me being disabled john.

## Dinner Ticket

**Gary Birds** Dinner tickets, how many did you pinch lol.  
*Likes 69 Comments 119*



**Moe Lucas** Omg dinner tickets Awesome!!!

**Maureen Stephenson** I remember ours were green! I left school in December 1958, I do believe that it was one shilling per ticket.

**Ruth Morgan Mua** I think mine were worth 45p

**Patricia Coughlan** We used to see them to get chips and fags.

**Patricia Coughlan** That's sell.

**Pat M Roche** God a blast from the past they are

**Sharon Royle** Didn't pinch any coz was on free dinners but used to sell them

**Caroline Stanley** Used to sell em n go chippy instead.

**Mary Greer** Our school were Green tickets. Loved school dinners.

**Yvonne Byrne** Used to sell mine and buy cigs, god how things have changed got to look 25 now in most places to get served with them..

**Carole Ratcliffe** You naughty lot! I used to give them out. There were odd occasions when whole rolls went

## Dinner Ticket

awol, but we checked the serial numbers and knew all the scams. It was just catching you that was the problem!

**Gillian Hollingworth** Ours were green with 1 shilling written on them

**Suzanne Welsby** Who remembers the cheese whirls and liver n onions with mash, someone had to be head of the table and dish it out, before it went to cafeteria style.

**Heather Hibbert** Omg i just rememberd them.

**Yvonne Dore-Ludford** Green ones x

**Ken Jones** I thought they were 7d....I kept the money,bought 4d chips 1d Bun and a 2d cig off someone.

**Chris George** God I remember them but how much could you get on it

**Maggie Davies** I used to swop mine for fags haha

**Anne French** Can anyone on this site help me to join please. Have given up trying myself - think I must be doing something wrong or just plain useless.

**Phil Wilson** My dinner tickets were green good times

**Dorothea Forshaw** That brings back the memories.

**Frances Christie** Couldn't get a dinner without (we believed everything).

**Julie Keegan** I sold mine and went to the chippy :-))

**Suzan Lomas** Omg forgot about these,the good old days!!!

**Carole Ratcliffe** The M/c tickets were green, but faded very easily to this buff colour.

**Doreen Bowie** Remember those

**Janet Griffiths** used to sell mine ha ha

**Janet Griffiths** xx

**Maureen Stephenson /Anne French** Please check your IN box, you should have a message. As you are posting-

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it means you have been accepted. I kept pressing... and also, thought that I hadn't been accepted!

Welcome aboard you are going to have a lot of fun, laughs and great memories!

**Wendy Porrill** We used to try and forge them so we could go to the second sitting!

**Enid Cartlidge** I hated the fact that I was on free dinners and my tickets were a different colour but my mam was a widow.

**Brian Howard** Sold mine and went to the chippy too, then a 'single' cig and a book of matches.

**Gary Birds** 5 park drive n a book of matches.

**Ken Jones** 4 Domino for 6d

**Gillian Hollingworth** Gary 5 park drive tipped and a book of matches from our local off license. Lol used to smoke them in the park with my friend. Went thru all FIVE in an hour between us. We were only 12.

**Andrew Phillips** Used to sell em on Mondays for fag money....lol



## Dinner Ticket

Later in the year the subject was resurrected.

**Tony Day** Was anyone else on free school dinners?

We use to get 'Dinner tickets', which you wrote your name on the back and had to hand in as we entered the dinner hall.

Some 'enterprising' children use to 'find' extra tickets and sell them, or if they 'accidental' found some with the names written on the back in pencil, would erase that name and sell them 'blank' or place their own names on the ticket, and get extra dinners

I never did any of the above, Honest Sir!!!

**Janette Thomas** Used to sell mine for ten B&H lol

**Frances Merrick** Yea I remember having to stand in a separate line outside the dinner hall. Always made me feel a bit embarrassed as we always went in last.

**Auntie Debi Chapman** not guilty also! loved the chocolate spong n mint custard mmmm now I'm thinking about school dinners.

**Jayne Brighty** hahaha i did! haha especially on a Friday wen it woz alway's meat pie n chips- and choc cake n white custard for pudding..mmm. x

**Jayne Cobban-Hughes** We had pinks ones cause we were on free dinners and others were blue .... Wouldn't happen now... I'd sue em lol

**Jayne Brighty** I bought a bike with the amount I sold hahahaha x x

**Jayne Cobban-Hughes** Me and Irene Davis sold ours and went to LAKKIS chippy.

**Lynda Brookes** I was lucky I went home for dinner.

**Joanne Hardy** I used to buy my friends off her, so she could buy fags x

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**David Johnston** Different coloured tickets had a stigma about them felt embarrassed the way they were issued  
**Carol Hilton Chadwick** Use ell mine for fags....naughty girl I was x

I'm not now though...just thought I should say that xx

**Christine Mansell** Green dinner tickets

**Gwen Reeve** I felt embarrassed, there was only two of us in our class on free dinner tickets and the teacher made such a to do about it, felt quite an outcast.

**Jean Green** Went to secondary school in Cheetham Hill used to sell mine to buy hot fresh bagels from a little Jewish shop mmmm can taste them now

**Row Cardew** There was such a stigma about it, in my School I can't even go there!

**Barbara Watson** no, went home for lunch, hated school dinners

**Row Cardew** Even worse, anyone get free uniform?

**Susan Owen** For a brief time I had free dinner tickets...

I was sooo embarrassed ! I hated it. My parents had split up and it was something that was never discussed in public. I was so glad when I went to upper school and could go home for lunch instead as my gran was always there.

**Frank Lawless** what a money spinner, buy dinner tickets for half face value on monday when we all had a fist full, using my paper round money, and sell them on thursday/ friday for full face value, or more to chubby lads....I was the Arthur Daily of Dinner tickets, and I got free ones!!!

**Anne Parnell** It's xxx true free dinner tickets different colour x x not nice

**Tony Day** I can remember green tickets, after selling some and keeping the rest, I can also remember some-

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times having 2 dinners and three or four puddings in one sitting and I was 5 stone ringing wet!

I can also remember having an eating contest with iced currant slices and pint jugs of custard.

Eldest of seven, free uniforms, most of the school was in the same boat so no real stigma in Stretford.

**Sandra Chantrey** I got done for selling mine so I could go to the chippy cos school meals were crap. Teacher told me I was dealing on the black market scarred the hell out of me lol.

**Tracy Sparrow Devaney** I did. Did anyone go for the free dinners at a school in the 6 weeks holidays. I should have gone but I never did.

**Auntie Debi Chapman** omg the embarrassment of standing in the free dinner queue! I hated having to stand in a different queue than all my friends.

**Tony Day** Some of you lot must have come from 'Upper Working' areas, if lots of your friends were not on freebies lol.

**Alice Gregson** Free ticket was white and the other was blue.

**Kath Mcgoldrick** I got free meals and also went in the summer holidays as mam had 9 of us kids.in park from early morning go have a dinner then back to park till tea time,happy days.

**Row Cardew** At my second school we didn't have dinner tickets. They just wrote F.D in the register. I will never forget a girl I classed as a friend said "i know something i can use against you if we fall out"!My dad had only been dead a few weeks n I really didn't need that! Sorry to moan but i've never shared that before!



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**Sue Ridgway** Row Cardew, Kids can be so cruel and heartless. Sorry to hear you lost your Dad too young. Xx Row Cardew Thanks Sue Ridgway. I soon toughened up n eventually wasn't ashamed!

**Tracy Sparrow Devaney** She was not a true friend Row Cardew

**Carole Ratcliffe** I was a cashier in the M/c high school canteens for 20+ yrs and believe me we knew all the scams - you naughty lot! So bad in some schools that the dinner tickets were replaced by coloured tokens, different each day.

**Anne Parnell** Row school free dinners. My mum made my school P.E shorts which looked different and even my shirt bought at a local shop on the drip, try blending in x x not a good time. But life throws at you what you are dealt. With x x sorry to go on x

**Dave Shaw** Had free dinners, we lined up on one side n paying on the other. they were let in first,

**Keith Cunningham** Tony where did u go 2 school

**Tony Day** Nursery school Lostock, when it was a senior girls school. Junior school St Hugh of Lincoln.

Both opposite ends of Glastonbury Rd Stretford.

Secondary School St Paul's Urmston.

What about you Keith?

**Row Cardew** Anne Parnell You're so right. One of my grannies used to say that "God never gave you a job to do that you couldn't manage" It was probably a load of "kidology" but it's carried me thro many a life crisis!•

**Sandra Chapman** And free bus passes

**Keith Cunningham** I went 2 school in wythenshawe mate I thought I recognised ur name

## School Games

**Anne Worrall** Who remembers doing hand stands against the wall, hitching your skirt/dress into your knickers lol

95 people like this.

**Jayne Brighty** haha i stil do that hahaha x

**Margaret Perkins** Must teach my Grandaughter, won't be showing her how though lol !

**Pam Wyatt** Me!!! xx

**Mark Osborne** Not me, I had trousers on lol

**Donna Brady** Spent hours doing this such fun, my school has banned this ( health and safety )!!!

**Karen Robb** I did, and we used to do a train with 2 or 3 of us, had a few grazes for my trouble

**Margaret Denson** What about leap frog or the game where we sang The big ship sailed through the alli alli oh or something like that and The farmer wants a wife!

**Jean McCracken** Whip and top spent many an hour chalking patterns on the top and watching the colours spin.

**Aunty Debi Chapman** the big ship sailed through the alley alley oh on the last day of September...Margaret Denson ty for the memory. loved my whip n top n doing handstands, n walking the crab lol. Never needed money to have fun then. Hop scotch omg i loved that!

**Kathryn Weir** I did handstands all the time on the side of our house.

**Anne Conway Burke** remem!!ber doin the crab

**Chris Worthington** Don't forgot cartwheels too

**Julie Shorrocks** Me.lol.

**Sharon Doran** omg lol yep i was guilty of that lol

**Teresa Campbell** My school too Donna Brady. Such a

## School Games

shame. Kids miss out on so much because of health and safety. So worried about being sued.

**Chris Astbury** I still tuck my knickers in and do handstands against the wall. Lol doesn't everybody???

**Trevor Lyon** Knickers? Knickers! I'm about to have a Cosmo Smallpiece moment!

**Linda Fearnhead** Yes was very good at hand stands. I don't know if it would be acceptable now.

**Donna Brady** Yes that is so true Teresa Campbell , they don't let kids be kids anymore very sad . X

**Ged Conway** I hated school it didn't do anything for me and whoever was taught to me just went way over my head. The teachers didn't show any compassion to any child but when I look back I suppose trying to teach forty children at one time must have been unbearable.

The school that I went to was so new that they were still building it around us. For instance the playground wasn't built for the first two years. Once a week we were marched through the streets of Crumps....



## Past Schools

**Steve Knox** asked a question.

Lets see how many peoples senior schools are still standing. It may be interesting, who has some thing good to say about there time there. I went to counthill and loved getting up every day i spent there lol

Egerton Park rebuilt 4 years ago

Centrial high for girls Withworth street manchester

13 likes 105 comments

**Darren Greene** Original Parrs Wood, now a bowling alley and cinema complex.

**Dorothy O'Connor** alma park levenshulme

**Marj Unsworth** I went to St Marys Renton Rd Stretford. Unfortunatly no longef there but I loved it.x

**Charlie Cresswell** Pat McMenemy went to Chorlton park secondary real good yrs fab teachers brilliant friends

**Lynn Finnigan** I went to Sale West, Sale. it's now Manor High, But the building that's Manor High to me is the new building the old school building is no more. But I can remember doing a project in 1972 when the new building was being built and walking around it (no hard hats) lol

**Heather Hibbert** Woodford lodge winsford

**Dave Moul**t Bradbury in Altrincham, it's long gone a block of flats there now.

**Judy Nicholls** Ellesmere park county secondary school. It is still standing but has had a couple of name changes.

**Mabel Scott** Moss nook no longer there.

**Margaret Eastwood** did u go to moss nook mabel.

**Robert O'Loughlin** St, Lukes which then became St Thomas More, Beswick

**Mabel Scott** Yes Margaret I went to moss nook the one

## Past Schools

on portway.

**Margaret Eastwood** Yes I did leave school in 1964 did you live local? I lived Felskirk rd off Cornishway.

**Stuart Beswick** Stamford in Ashton-Under Lyne just been knocked down

**Patricia Waldron** St Thomas Aquinas lower school knocked down I think

**Deborah Fox** Spurley hey high school....demolished

**Magi Fox-Smith** Bishop Green gorton.. Demolished old folks home there now..

**Pat M Roche** St Margaret clitherow collyhurst enjoyed my time there headteacher sister Mary

**Lynda Brookes** St Joesphs stafford hose daisy bank road knocked down around 1963

**Alison Lewis** Hollies Convent Didsbury

**Dave Carden** Holland st secondary gone ..waste land now ...Nelson st my junior school both schools Miles Platting gone

**Maureen Stephenson** I went to St. Cuthbert's, Withington , I started in the Infants in September 1948 and went all the way through to my Senior year December 1959. The school is still there and receives excellent ofsted ratings/reports! The only difference now, is that it is a primary school. I cried when I left school, I loved it. I was a prefect. Also a member of the swimming, athletic and rounders team. My claim to fame is being top of the "par" class my last two terms.

**Diana Madden** Moss Nook 1964/69

**Karen Holloway** Gorse Hill Primary School & Junior School, Stretford - both still going strong xxx

**THE WINGMAN by Brian Hamblett**

(a short story...memory of my dad who we lost at Xmas)  
“Jump down....come on, I’ll catch you.” dad stood there in his black donkey jacket...arms out enticing me to leap. I stood on the precipice of my fathers cab door, 500 feet high it appeared to me, and it seemed my dad was stood 3 miles away. I bent my knees, leaned forward but my shoes had been nailed to the cab floor, knees bent.... straighten and....no...no liftoff!

“Jump you nitwit, I’m not going to drop you, am I?... Come on...aren’t you hungry?”

Food! The magic word, I leapt the 12 inches, dropped the whole Imperial foot, into the hands of my gigantic, muscular father. He gripped, threw my back into the air and cried..

“Howzat!!”

I was immediately cradled into one arm, safe....and hungry. His right hand forced the cab door shut, a real deep metallic clunk. Then he carried me like Saint Christopher across the car park. The ground looked like it had been transplanted from The Somme, circa 1916, foxholes , water and mud.

Trucks leaving the transport cafe bucked and bounced their way out, a man’s fat face leant out of the lorry windows and shouted some obscenity to my dad, then the chubby chap laughed out loud, my dad burst into a big belly laugh too, then dad screamed something back, and gesticulated with his free hand, the truck disappeared like a moon buggy, up and down, up and down...my father chuckled to himself. He pushed open the double doors like a cowboy, stood stock still, looked towards the

## Short Story- The Wingman

counter and called out..

“Dorothy, large tea, orange juice and....what do want Bri, sausage, egg and chips?”

“Ooh, yeah please dad”

“...and sausage egg and chips, twice and two rounds of bread..no, make it three, Doe,..we’ve been working hard today haven’t we son?”

“You have dad, I’ve just watched ya” my answer was a whisper, and into his neck, the lady with the yellow pinny had her head bent at an angle trying to catch my eye, with a nice smile.

“Here son, you want a Blue Riband?” her hand held the blue packeted prize at me.

“Can I dad?” I asked into my dads ear, my face was squashed into the side of his face now.

“Get it, or I will!”

“Fanks missis” my hand snapped out and accepted the gift...”Fanks.”

We retreated to a table, the woman scurrying behind, clearing the dirty plates and cups onto a tray, emptying the ash tray and wiping the surface, she moved at lightning speed, so very efficient.

The food was manna from heaven, no, ambrosia, food of the Gods. Every greasy chip squelched in animal fat as I chewed, sausages, thick and meaty, and tasting better for a good dip in the yellow disc of my egg...and bread to mop up any escaping morsel.

Plates empty, bar our knives and forks, we leant back... then dad burped.

“Excuse me..ha ha..”

“That was fantastic food dad” I said followed by a gulp

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of the remaining orange juice.

“It should be, that cost 3 bob! Now, loo, before we go.”

I will leave the description of the toilets to your imagination, but I was glad dad held my hand, floor was a little bit slippery!

Back in the cab, doors safely locked, he fired up the powerful engine, revved loudly, and started for the exit, bouncing me into the air as we hit a pothole, we both laughed in unison. I had nearly been thrown into the footwell where he kept coils of thick, dirty ropes that had that distinctive smell of oil and diesel.

Once on tarmacked road I relaxed, food lying heavy, I expelled my first yawn.

Dad looked round at me, smiled then focussed on the journey home, back to North Manchester, back to Moston.

The light was failing fast as I lay down, outstretched on the double passenger seat, the lights on the lamp posts lining the road began turning on, first orange, then a brighter yellowish amber. The sky was now dark, we climbed the Pennines, engine and dad working harder, lots of gear changes, once we were on the spine, the engine calmed and we descended, Lancashire lay below us, dark and welcoming.

“Look at that Bri..”

I lifted my head, yellow lines of light, as far as my eye could see, guiding us home, projecting ahead of us... getting smaller and smaller in the deep darkness, just like the illuminations at Blackpool.

“Wow....it’s magic, that dad..we nearly home?”

“Marvellous isn’t it?” a few seconds silence then..



“Home? Just half hour or so, and we’ll be there son.”

It went quite for a minute or two, just the roar of the truck, dad pulled the blanket off the metal covering of the engine, (this was between the seats, you could lift this covering and see the engine itself!) , the noise level raised slightly as he threw it over me. I straightened it out, covering my legs. The blanket was heavy, smelt of oil but was lovely and warm. My eyes were seriously droopy now, then he started singing...

“Those..were..the..days my friend, I thought they’d never end...I thought they’d last forever and a day....” he knew the words to very few songs, and would always start whistling when he ran out of lyrics...

I looked at him and smiled, he took his eye off the dark road, and looked at me, an enormous grin flooded his face, eyes back to the road, then more singing. I didn’t know anyone who didn’t think my dad was fantastic....no one at all...and he was all mine. Brilliant.

How can pride be a sin?

**Rita Maher** Love your writings Brian Hamblett x I just love reading and especially about Manchester.

**Brian Hamblett** Rita...am three quarters the way through writing my book...you are my inspiration...thank you...xx

**Susie Large** Just beautiful, Brian :o)

**Brian Hamblett** And all true...lost dad at Xmas... actually wrote this 3 weeks before he passed...glad I did.

**Margaret Fletcher** You will miss him dearly Brian for the rest of your life ,but he will always be there guiding you,my Dad died thirty two years ago, but I remember everything about him as though it was yesterday,

## World War II

**Margaret Fletcher**

They gave their today's, for your tomorrow's. Let us all remember all those young lads that died on this 70 th anniversary .

**Shirley Lawrence** Thank you for all you have done god bless you all.

**Lyn Rees** We will remember them.

**Karen Platt** Always remembered XX

**Linda Fearnhead** Thankyou from the bottom of our hearts.bless you all.

**Sue Mahoney** god bless them xxx

**Lillian Clarke** ALWAYS REMEMBERED NEVER WILL FORGET.

**Theresa Cleary** So sad so many young men R.I.P every one of you. And thank you for what you did god bless xx



**Stuart Matthews**

Welcoming home the troops at the end of WW 2 is Auntie Clarice and our Auntie Dorothy.



## Tib Street

**Carol Hilton Chadwick** Who remembers Tib Street where you could buy any pet that was sat in the front window !!!!! How much was that Doggy x  
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**Gwen Reeve** My sister bought a kitten from tib st, she was lovely. At about 1 year old she was poorly, we took her to the vets and he said she was a result of interbreeding which happened a lot at tib st, sadly she had to be put down. I think vets campaigned to close those pet shops.

**Janet Francis** Yes I certainly do & all the dogs died within a couple of weeks too when u took them home!

**Margaret Horsfield** Mum was right then. I always thought it was just an excuse. You know what - Mum's are always right

I put that one in just in case my Son reads it.

**Lee Wild** Years ago there were some lovely mongrels of all colours shapes and sizes . The dogs home now just seems to have staffie cross dogs nothing wrong with

them just not a dog I want. I got mine from a rescue centre and is a brilliant dog.

**Anne Tracey** I remember tib street. I bought a kitten for my mum to replace the cat that had been missing for a couple of weeks then guess what the cat turned up to find he had to share his house with a kitten.

**Joyce Sykes** Got my two kittens from Tib Street. Theo died aged 14, Rosy, who never grew from a kitten, died 21! Miss them sooo much x

**Susan Mcniece** Used to go there for our rabbits food in the late 60s loved that shop

**Anne Tracey** My finger keeps touching the post before I have finished. Ha ha . I was saying I bought the kitten the day I got engaged. We went to woolworths cafe to celebrate with kitten in tow.

**Sandra Worrall** Went to dogs home in november, full of staffies, no bad dogs just bad owners,they should be put in a cage.

**Tony** Just I remember the monkey in the record shop.

**Michelle Biesty** I knew somebody who worked in tibb st pet shop, and was always taking home animals coz they felt sorry for them... we got a beautiful little puppy from there, she got so ill after a couple of weeks, she had to be put to sleep, disease ridden horrible place

**Anne Tracey** Can anyone remember the introduction of tanfastic. I was a Saturday girl at woolworths at the time on the jewellery counter. The makeup was next to it. I used it immediately when it came out thinking I looked really great tanned against my white overal...See More

**Roy Dutton.** A different kind of pet has now taken up residence in Tib Street, it's now taken on a seedier side.

## Tib Street

**Jean Packham** My mum & dad use to take us there in 6wks school holidays, an give us all 6d to spend, an u got loads in them days

**Andrew Crook** Everything does not change for the better, something's are worse

**Lee Wild** Tony wasn't that Stuart lol

**Anne Tracey** Hello Manchester what is the weather like. I am sat outside near market drayton. It's the best day yet on half term. Beautiful with a slight breeze which I happy with these days.

Does anyone remember going to the carousel in withy grove. I fell in love...See More

**Tina Hilton** Does anyone remember seeing a monkey in an upstairs window in a house on platt lane opposite platt fields. I wonder if it's just a false memory as I don't know anyone else who remember s it.

**Cassy Morgan** Used to go there with my brother Terry for day old chicks

**Michelle Biesty** Probably was there Tina Hilton people kept all sorts of animals as pets back then

**Jane Appleby** Manchester's weather this weekend so far has been sunny, very warm with a breeze. We are told we are getting lots of rain throughout June tho. I live in south manchester in west didsbury near burton road.

**Trevor Lyon** They sold free range wasps there! I've seen them in the window!

**Mike Coner** yes was two pet shops one with the n mean two shops rember the one with the old man with one eye lol

**Anne Worrall** Bob Groves was the owner of the pet shop on tib street & whittle street. He had loads of dead

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animals up stairs and in the back of the shop.

**Dorothy O'Connor** I bought my son a budgie from there,next morning it was dead.

**Marion Weaverbennett** they had alligators for £5

**Michelle Biesty** What a place!

**Anne French** Remember well

**Trish Flynn Waters** I remember Tibet street I worked at littlewoods 1961 to 1967 we went to Tibet street to the chippy near the pet shop best chips ever ha

**Enid Cartlidge** I bought a ginger and white kitten from Tib St many years ago. I found out soon enough that the poor thing had cat flu and if it wasn't for spending a lot of money and having a good vet, he would have died.He lived for 19 years but I would never go back to Tib St for another pet. Horrible place.

**Vivien Lynn Cook** Remember going in the chippy with my mum. Used to drag her around the shops every Saturday and going into Tibb street chippy was our treat. Happy days.

**Yvonne Woods** Yes. And. Also the joke shop

**Robert Wallace** An aunt of mine use to look after me on Mondays whilst my mum went to work. She would take me to Tib street to see the pets and we would have fish and chips in a chippy on the right hand side as you walked down the street. The final treat of the day was a visit to the News Theatre cinema on Oxford Street which played cartoons and comedies like the 3 Stooges all day long. Happy days.

**Felina Bell** I remember it in 1993

**Norman Christie** And the joke shop

**Mike Coner** Yes.. joke shop was great with those stink

## Tib Street

bombs. You let them off on top of the bus and watch the passengers reaction.

**Marie Crowe** We got a tortoise from there they had them in the window

**Kathryn Weir** We bought a budgie in Tib Street in the early eighties. When did it stop selling animals?

**June Fitzpatrick** Yes I used to work in Portland street in the sixties and we loved going Tib street in our dinner hour and looking at the pets and going in the chippy, happy days

**Frances Christie** Fish as well we had an aquarium.

**Tracey Ball** And material shops lol my mum made everything and dragged me there once a week lol yeah I remember the pets too.

**Rita Fox** My late sister Marcia bought a puppy from there..such a tiny little thing she called him Kim..when she passed away my Mam took him in..sad but lovely memories..love and miss them all lots.

**Christine Stanway** Yes remember thinkin how cruel!

**Barbara Newsome Sclater** Bought a mouse from Pet shop called Walter Smiths I think. It was dead by the time I got it home.

**Ken Eley** You could get anything at tib street in the early 70s even monkeys.

**Sandra Dooley Sullivan** Loved going there, looking in the windows at all the puppies full of sawdust lol x

**June Radford** Got my tortoise there.

**Norman Andrew Brannick** In Tib St, you will find Iron kerbstones. During the 1800's the horse & cart was the form of haulage transport, carts had metal wheels so to save damage to normal kerbstones iron kerbs were laid.



## Piccadilly Gardens

**Lynn Finnigan** Loved walking around the fountain when I was little.

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**Row Cardew** Lovely picture, just as I remember it!

**Rachel Monks** Much nicer then than now.

**Margaret Liz Shaw** Lovely picture..happy memories..

**Peter Bamford** bring bach the GARDENS for all to enjoy

**Mark Osborne** I remember having to walk through there to get the bus home. Always look nice & clean

**Dorothea Forshaw** They were lovely Gardens. Lovely memories..

**Terence Devaney** Love looking at Old photos of Manchester and Blackley

**David Johnston** It didn't improve when they levelled it off and the built the GMPTE office Manchester council well done.

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## Piccadilly Gardens

**John Daniels** Say no more , lovely

**Lyn Brown** John and I used to sit in there when we were courting lovely times it was really lovely then how could they spoil it it's awful now

**Jean Green** Loved it at Christmas time especially the nativity

**Tony Warburton** they should of left piccadilly gardens as it was

**Valerie Walker** Oh yes I remember the nativity. Nice to have memories prompted.

**Sue Walker-Taylor** Wish they was still like this, was a nice place to sit in town !!

**Valerie Walker** My first job was in Manchester, I turned down a job at The Locarno ( Blue room) Sale, got the bus from Piccadilly after a hard day at The Kardomah and later at C n A.

**Lynn Finnigan** Valerie I lived in the Blue Rooms

**Valerie Walker** I'm talking 1972 Lynn Finnigan, I was young and didn't want to wear a cocktail frock or work nights! In retrospect it would probably have been more fun.

**Hazel Bernard** it probably would Val it was pretty hot in that canteen ,its a good job you had me to make you laugh

**Lynn Finnigan** Valerie Walker I started going there 1976 till end, tunnel still there

**Shirley Anne** I love looking at these old photos, but I love reading the memories that are sparked by the photos even more

**Michael Quinn** I think this was better.  
The new gardens

## Piccadilly Gardens

**Hazel Bernard** that's the Manchester I remember  
**Joanie Marshall King** Loved sitting in the gardens on my lunch hour. Last time I was in the UK I could not even find the gardens think they were behind a big wall.

**Jean Kobewka** no gardens their now just a load of ugly buildings.

**Sue Austin** I worked on Oldham Street, Woolies was on the corner, I would spend a lot of my lunch breaks sat in those beautiful gardens, shame on Man city council for destroying them I say put it back to its former glory.

**Jean Kobewka** its a hotel now i think.

**Lynn Finnigan Jean** it's a concrete jungle with sprinklers in the middle.

**Enid Cartlidge** This is how I remember it too.

**Linda Nuttall** Me too, a great landmark to meet your friends when they got off the buses.

**Sharon Aarons** I worked in the Piccadilly Plaza and was in the Piccadilly Hotel the day it opened. Got stuck in the lift with lots of other people and I managed to get us all out using a metal tail comb. Never forget that.

**Valerie Walker** Hazel Bernard you made my life at CnA bearable. Now you've again put me in a nice place.

**Cassy Morgan** The gardens were lovely, especially in the summer

**John Holmes** Best kept gardens in Manchester once, now worst kept slab of concrete in Manchester - well done Planners, great work - NOT.

**Maureen Stephenson** Sharon Aarons LOL Thanks for the memory of the "metal tail comb!" They were fantastic... you couldn't have a beehive, bouffant without one! I still have what we called a "dog comb" ... I wash it

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regularly, use it every day. I've had others, but they just don't work like the one I bought (I dare not say which year!) from Boot's, Royal Exchange...How I loved that store! Was absolutely heart broken, to hear what happened, and was amazed at visiting the Arndale which replaced the area... In 2005, I was home for a visit and my daughter said "mom this is just like the Galleria, in Rock Hill" (South Carolina). It really was, as there were so many American stores!

**William Ryan** I can remember when there used to be a band playing in the gardens, not sure about the date though,

**Row Cardew** I remember the band now you've jogged my memory. Late 50's early 60's?

**Kieron Mccorquodale** Ye good times. Better than it is now...

**Row Cardew** Thinking about it most of our local parks had a band stand and the local brass band played there on Sunday afternoon.

**Carole Ratcliffe** These days, there's not enough money in the kitty for (what was) the Parks Department to keep these standards.

**Freda Hill** There's plenty in their pockets though Carole.

**Carole Ratcliffe** You're a bit out of touch there Freda Hill. It's becoming really noticable that lawns & verges aren't maintained as often and flower beds etc not planted out right across the city.

**Patricia O'connor** Lovely picture of the gardens. Oh how they look so different now, what a mess.

**Josie Hughes** Those were the days.

## The Shambles



**Diane Healey** The Shambles 1890.

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**Sandra Ann Missenden** This is great.

**Marie Hartshorn** Those were the days.

**Christina Siddall** love the buildings.

**Sandra Ann Missenden** It is so clear it could almost be a stage set in a theatre with all the actors around.

**Diane Healey** Can you see fagin peeping around the corner.lolx

**Mags Cummings** I think it is some kind of re-enactment look at the clothes.

**Diane Healey** Who knows if our relatives are in this photo.x

**Sandra Ann Missenden** Yes come to think about it that women in front of the monuments looks like my mother in law lol.

**Vicky Bolton** Wow great pic.

## The Shambles

**Diane Healey** Lol Sandra.x

**Damian Broc Blackthorn Moore** Brilliant picture

**Diane Healey** I wished it was still like this.x

**Margaret Henshaw** The clothes they are wearing look from a different period, perhaps its a pageant.

**Cherrie Gregson** Fantastic picture love it.

**Barbara Jones** Looks even further back, than 1890 it's hard to imagine when you look how it is now.

**Denise Galea Muszynski** Love it x

**William George Railton** Great photo.

**Toni Hunter** this was a mock up used for the royal jubilee exhibition. at the exhibition hall at white city..

**Thelma Millard** Beautiful x

**Judy Nicholls** Love the buildings but I would not want to have lived then.

**Toni Hunter** The white city exhibition hall. built for the royal jubilee exhibition. demolished 1888.

**Diane Healey** Its in Manchester Yvonne.x

**Noel Joe Mccarthy** If this is the manchester shambles it's where marks and Spencer's is now and the street behind I have an old photo of the Victorian era

**Toni Hunter** Another mock up. that was created for the royal jubilee exhibition at white city. staged by actors 1887.

**Jayce Shell** 1857 at Old Trafford..Art treasures white city exhibition held over 16000 exhibits

**Jannine Nino Duffy** Beautiful used to love the old square (before the bomb im not this old lol)

**Karan Evans** When I see these old pics. of Manchester not only do I wonder about their lives on a daily basis but I would love to know their accents and dialects.

## Maine Road

**Paul Thomas**

Maine Road, 1956 women went to games then as well  
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**Carole Walker** Went with my brother Eddie R.I.P good times xx

**Dorothea Forshaw** I use to go with my Dad, loved Bert Trautmann, Bobby Johnson.x

**Linda Forrest** Use to sell bingo tickets there

**Anthony Patricia Shard** Hey Dorothea one of my favourites was Little Joe (Joe Hayes)

**Dorothea Forshaw** Ahhh lovely memories.x

**Margaret Gain** That's how I remember it when I started going to Maine Rd in 1967!

**Dave Espley** "Please have correct money ready"

Probably about 4p.

**Dorothea Forshaw** I use to have my blue and white scarf with all there name's embroidered on..x

**Jan Taylor** The year I was born hehe

**Maureen Willoughby** My friend used to work at maine road on match days and said any pies not sold were put

## Maine Road

away and reheated next game!! Wdnt get away with that now!,

**Trevor Lyon** I went to Maine Road as a guest of Saab who had organised a corporate box. I enjoyed lunch, then the game and the apres match presentation of champagne for the player of the match. My goodness, they looked young and I was only in my thirties at the time. I grew up just down the road from the ground in Withington and I had never been to a “real” football match so subsequently I was crowing to friends about my experience when a MU fan said I have news for you. You still haven’t been to a “real” football match! I didn’t appreciate the vitriol that existed between the two teams then and probably even more so now!

**Maureen Willoughby** Yes real rivalry although Uniteds main rivals have always been Liverpool.

**Margaret Gain** It was 2/6....clearly marked on the wall!!

**David Johnston Gates.** We’re open at 3/4 time allowed us to watch part of the game couldn’t afford to pay for full match

**John Carrington** Back in the days when money wasnt everthing.....

**Dorothea Forshaw** Very true john...x

**Margaret Perkins** Dorothea, I used to embroider my sisters scarf too, I wasn’t a football fan but she made me do hers

**Brenda Rudden** Spent many a Saturday afternoon there,great days x

**Dorothea Forshaw** Aww thats nice margaret.good night for now.x

**Jean Taylor** Women still do I do : ))



**Ali Mcinally** Me too.

**Mel West** What a great photo! I love the police uniforms!

**Angie Kennedy** we lived on maine rd

**Bob Marshall** Piccadilly Radio sponsored a derby match in the late 70s I got there at 7.30 am to set everything up. Earlier my boss and I met the people from Standard Fireworks testing for the end of the match display, we were arrested at gun-point on the way back to the radio station by the anti-terrorist police as they had received reports of explosions from Maine Road. Happy days!

**Anne Tracey** The days when a policeman only carried a whistle and a truncheon and children were frightened of answering them back. Now some children swear and taunt them and a policeman wears an anti stab vest. My dad who was born in 1896 thought general behaviour was declining in the 70's. He would turn over in his grave if he saw how some children/adults behave now.

**Maureen Willoughby** and to be fair....how police officers conduct themselves too has declined.....just saying.

**Vernon Pilling** My first time was in 1956 with my dad fond memories.

**Elaine Fletcher** The year i was born, but I've always been a man u fan , the only time i went to maine rd was when i went to see david cassidy in concert.

**Linda Boomer** Used to sell on the ball tickets there

**Paul Thomas** I remember just near there in the 70s manchester evening news had a van printing the pink newspaper that you could buy coming out of the game.

## Old Trafford



**Dave McNally**† Good old days

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**Andy Mann Hatton** When the derbies were full of passion and pride, and the odd fight or 2.

**Frank Wells** Those were the days when the reds showed up though.

**Roy Goodwin** Agreed Andy Mann Hatton the days when both teams contained mancs, who knew what it meant to win and lose a derby.

**Maggie Davies** Good old days when footballers were men and not soft.

**Andy Mann Hatton** I saw some great derbies and remember Mike Doyle & Lou Macari both sent off at Maine Road.

**Roy Goodwin** I was also at that game.

**Andy Mann Hatton** Games at that time were not for the faint hearted. To watch the battles in the middle of the park between Mick Doyle, Nobby Stiles and Paddy Crerand gave the games a very special meaning.

**Alan Hawes** I loved Mike Doyle loved his commitment different days then a lot more local lads played for both teams those days.

**Andy Mann Hatton** That's the difference between now and then, local players plus they were all almost working class, turning up in the same cars as us unlike today's players.

**Lynne Rogers** This is when myself and my friend went to old trafford 1970 and onwards, Stratford end brings back lots of v good memories , Man U till I die xxx

**Colin Wickham** As a city fan, obviously happy after our 'double' this season, those pics xcellent, remember them well, and when doyle and macari got sent off at maine rd, the ref took the players off 2 cool down, proper derbies, plenty of local lads, so pride at stake. And what price in 2 days transfer market wud 'bell,lee,summerbee,law,best and charlton b worth? Manchester football icons all six of them.

**Alan Hawes** Its amazing that back in 1968 when city won the league the entire team were english born one things for sure that will never happen again the nearest foreigner they had was tony book from devon lol

**Sue Griffin** I met Nobby Stiles when I nursed his dad, both lovely people.

**John Holmes** Just a quick reminder that today is the 72nd birthday of the great Nobby Stiles, a fearless midfielder, born and bred in Collyhurst and as hard as nails. The great Portuguese player Eusebio once said, "Nobby Stiles was the only man I was ever frightened of in all my years in football".  
Happy Birthday Nobby.

## Manchester Airport



**Sandra Ann Missenden** How things change  
46 people like this. 6 comments•

**Jane Roberts** I remember walking to the airport from  
grans to watch THE plane landing happy days

**Dave Whitehead** known as ringway then

**Chris Speed** We had this pic before and decided that it  
isnt actually the current manchester airport as that was  
known as ringway at the time and this was another site  
somewhere but cant remember where.

**Peter Kelly** Was this Barton in Eccles ?

**Alan Porter** Yes Peter, this is Barton. the buildings have  
never changed.

**Gwen Reeve** Thought so x



## Withington Hospital

**Joyce Thompson** I was born here 50 years ago. Anyone on here born at Withington Hospital?

178 people like this. Comments 226

**Wendy Burton** Had my son there in 1989.

**Maureen Willoughby** So when did the maternity unit close cos this would have been my nearest hospital. Yet I had my first in 1992 at St Marys.

**Lesley Maria Morris** 5/4/68 & luckily both my children 27 & 20.

**Lesley Maria Morris** The maternity unit closed in 94, my daughter was one of the last to be born there.

**Maureen Willoughby** Thanks for that information. I had fantastic care at St Marys too.

**Jane Roberts** I had the same midwife Maggie Durkin for both my boys 75 and 80.

**Howard Isaacs** 1955

**Gemma Barrington Maureen Willoughby** there is a Maternity part in the new hospital for check ups etc, but you cannot actually have a baby there lol

**Elsie Barlow** Brothers born there in 1929, 1934, 1944 and me 1938.

**Elsie Fitzgerald** Me to many years ago.

**Maureen Stephenson** I was shocked, to see how many maternity units have closed down! in Manchester. My daughter had a baby six months ago, here in South Carolina... what a big change since I had her 34 years ago, in a military hospital in Texas. My daughter, stayed in the same room, complete with a lounge area, bathroom... and there is a special little room, with an incubator ... where they take the baby to weigh and bath etc., When I gave birth, it was completely different, the labour room, then

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delivery and back to another room. Only difference, is I did not have to pay for delivery of my two children. All I had to pay, was a small amount for my meals. Fast forward ... you would have a heart attack and calling 999 for oxygen, if you were to see a hospital bill, for the birth of a baby. Plus all the ante natal visits, then the lab tests etc., and separate bills for the baby! My daughters friend had a preemie baby, the bills were around one million \$ as the baby weighed around 1 1/2 pounds... But due, to her income the government picked up the tab. The baby is now 10 months old, still small, but thriving!

**Elvis Mbam** Me too I can remember the long corridor leading to the maternity ward . To visit my mum when she had a 12 pound baby.

**Jules Jule** Yes 1969.

**Kathleen Donnelly Hampshire** YES I WAS BORN IN WITHINGTON

**Margaret Denson** I was born there 1946 it was Nell lane hospital then

**James Lacey** I was in 1970 sorry to see it closed down

**Sue Cooley** Born there 1951

**Kristine Prescott** I was on the 8th July 1951

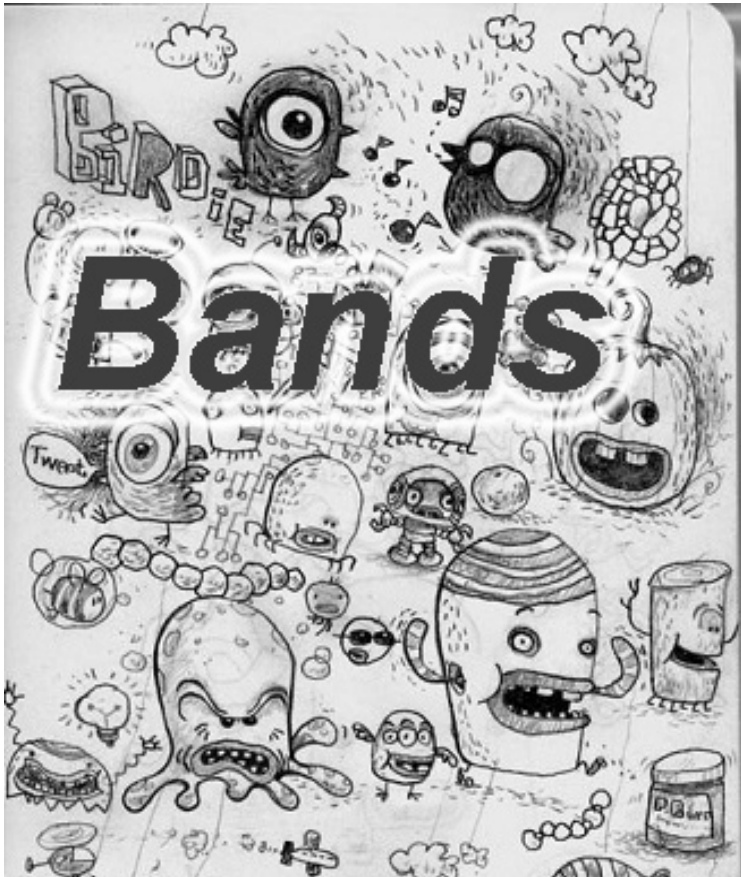
**Sue Cooley** I was 7th November

**Dave Fox** Yes, why was it called Withington Hospital, wasn't it in West Didsbury?

**Patricia Regan** I was born here 50 years ago and my daughter also 22 years ago .

**Georgina Wood** Had my girl there in July 79 wow it was hot that day. Remember being in labour with the windows open and all the buses going by up the park-way!! Watching me??

## Bands



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Decca Records rejected The Beatles, saying that “guitar groups are on the way out” and instead choosing The Tremeloes, who were local and would require lower travel expenses.

## Bands that appeared in Manchester

**Rob Abbo Abbott** RIGHTIO CAMPERS....not expecting as big as response as Tuesday- that was exceptional-well done everybody-but tonight's is a bit more of a test-NAME ALL THE BANDS/Groups +VENUES WHERE THEY APPEARED THAT HAVE APPEARED IN OUR FAIR CITY SINCE 1960

....as usual I will start us off,,,,,,

10 likes 322 comments

**Roland Holroyd** also van halen, 10cc,, thin lizzy,, stranglers,, supertramp,, alex harvey sha na na,, elton john,, rainbow,, richie havens procol harum,, nazareth chuck berry,, meat loaf,, moody blues,, mick ronson,, judas priest,, dury,, golden earring,, focus,, eric clapton,, don mclean,, doobie brothers david gates,, bad company,, bjh,, billy preston,, and the alberto y lost trios paranoire,,, and still 100s more.

**Alan Hawes** Its gonna be a long night Roly!s on a roll.

**Rob Abbo Abbott** How many t shirts yu got Roly?

I already get the garage full of ticket stubs lol

Where did yu live Roly?-in a semi detached tent under the Apollo stage mate lol ( only my humour Roly - I am jealous really)

**Roland Holroyd** only been to about a doz gigs in the last 10 years,,,,,,t shirts music about 250 last one was last year the bickershaw one ,, but get a lot of beer t shirts 1000's of them as i worked at a lot of beer fest,,, live in a ex pub which shut in 1919

**Alan Hawes** Semi detached tent last one I slept in leaked as I found out next morning lol

**Roland Holroyd** you was lucking to have a leaking tent alan,,, at bickershaw only had a old army coat and a bag



## Bands that appeared in Manchester

of peanut look like a mudman at the end just sleep in the open in the mud

**Rob Abbo Abbott** Roly my man yu are a legend fella-nobody I kno been to more gigs than yu mate-and yu certainly have got the t shirt to prove it!!

**Roland Holroyd** all too small now

**Rob Abbo Abbott** It's wot they stand for chap-it's yur history mate!

**Zahira Muhammad** At the oasis club the Walker brothers

**Harold Sherd** Chuck berry, dell shannon, charlie gracie, gene vincent, carl perkins, sleepy la beef +all the rock'n'roll /rockabilly bands.

**Jane Eaton** Gary Glitter at The Oasis and Laurece Olivier at 't Opera House!

**Janet Olivia Cox** Princess Club, Barlow Moor road, Chorlton...bit of a cheat. But DelShannon stayed at where I was working at the time...he travelled with his whole family and their great Dane!

**Ken Jones** Big Julie was there as well.

**Janet Olivia Cox** Oh right!

**Thomas Flaherty** Wow big Julie lol what a sight

**Linda Bramley** The drifters at fagins early seventies.

**Kath Mcgoldrick** pitney at the willows, golden garter, stockport to.

**Tony Kelzo Graffiti** Laurel and Hardy played the Hulme Hippodrome ( before 1960 but cool anyway ), Madonna played the Hacienda ( and the PSV ) - Sure i have been told Bob Marley played the PSV too but the best of all Hot Chocolate did a secret gig in the garages at the bottom of Mallowdale close, Hulme 1970's/80's.

## Bands that appeared in Manchester



**Beryl Hartley** The Kinks  
at the plaza

**Pearl Naylor** Manfred Mann - Middleton Arena

**Thomas Flaherty** There was a fake Isley brothers band  
they were good. I seen them at the riverboat in Salford

**Linda Bramley** the walker brothers and roy orbison on  
same night, the odeon.

**Pearl Naylor** Saw some great local bands at The Seven  
Stars in Heywood in the late 60s - Pepper Tree, Santa Fe  
Reunion, Pink Engine, Tiger Fog, Art Nouveau, I think  
Supertramp played there too before they 'made' it!  
Anyone else on here go to The Stars?

**Baldy Man** Sweet Chariot @ the Midland

**Rob Abbo Abbott** Can't believe people still coming up  
with more n more-fantastic response-keep it going every-  
body -loving hearing of all these great memories x

**Thomas Flaherty** Sorry Pearl I was known to frequent  
that place lol

**Linda Mercer** Bay City Rollers CIS Buildings 1974  
same night Sweet Sensation and Rod Stewart twas fab.

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**Pearl Naylor** Great place wasn't it Thomas? You remember any more bands?

**Thomas Flaherty** Went to great gig at Free Trade Hall. The Scaffold & Bonzo dog doo dah band.

**Linda Mercer** 1975 The Osmonds Bel Vue.  
1978 Shawaddywaddy The Apolo

**Thomas Flaherty** Yes Pearl it was top place I think I seen a great band there called the blue engine or red Also the Richmond club

**Kevin Kayer Taylor** Otis redding odeon

**Pearl Naylor** Pink Engine Thomas, and I went to The Richmond too! Lol

**Thomas Flaherty** Reds almost pink Pearl lol omg I think I must of been stalking you

**Pearl Naylor** Lol or me you Thomas. Are you from Heywood, Flaherty's used to run a pub in Heywood?

**Thomas Flaherty** No I was from Middleton in them days. Did you ever visit the Limit in Middleton Pearl

**Pearl Naylor** No never went to the Limit. Any relation to the Heywood Flahertys? Hubby went to school with Michael Flaherty.

**Thomas Flaherty** I'm. Not sure someone else told me about them. What pub did they have

**Pearl Naylor** I think it was The Gardeners, which is now The Three Terriers Thomas.

**Marion Day** Weve already done this one;)

**Thomas Flaherty** Ok I remember the gardeners it was ok pub•

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## Bands that appeared in Manchester

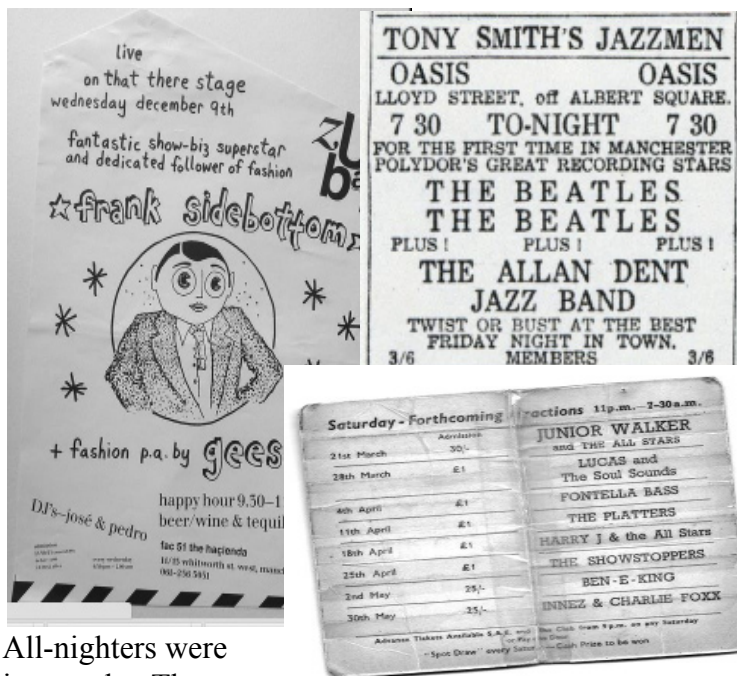
**Carol Hilton Chadwick** I love this site xx

**Bill Hassall** Hi carol so glad you like it we all think it's great great friends all of them take care.

**Kath Scott** Yes I love it & as you say it really is addictive.

**Sandra Toy** Welcome Carol ,this is a great site!! If you are feeling a bit under par! when you come on the site ! After reading all the chats,from lots of lovely people,you feel a lot better.

I have only been a member a short time, it is lots of fun, and brings back lots of memories.xx



All-nighters were invented at The

WHEEL in Manchester - the music was SOUL, R & B,

## Manchester Hippodrome

**Linda Bailey** Went to this concert.

Like 19 Comments 60

**Terence Embury Hunt**

Eddie Cochran died aged 21 after a road accident, whilst travelling in a taxi in Chippenham, Wils during his British tour in April 1960, having just performed at Bristol's Hippodrome theatre. Though his best-known songs were released during his lifetime, more of his songs were released posthumously. In 1987, Cochran was inducted

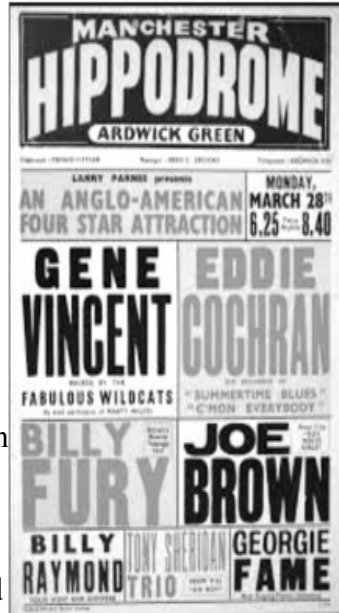
into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. His songs have been covered by a wide variety of recording artists (see the "Style and Influence" section of this article for examples).

**Linda Bailey** I know, I cried. I fell in love with him & Billy Fury (another one who died very young). I was only 13 but I could to the Hippodrome from where lived.

**Joan Chicot** Saw billy fury T poco poco in Stockport.

**Muriel Townsend** Wow I was there that night, I remember after the show had I ended up in the side line at the side if the theatre and a girl pushed opened one of the windows and there was billy fury he picked up a fire bucket with water in it and through it.

**Linda Nuttall** .....so was I Muriel, somehow got seats at the front, thought I was in heaven.....loved it.



**Ged Conway** †Like • • 81 comments 28

I know a lot of members of this group have met some celebrity's pop groups and really famous people but one of my many claims to fame was quite unexpected. In the early years of the Andale centre, I owned a lady and gents clothing store called "HERS AND SIRS". When we opened it was meant to be a bit "up market" but unfortunately the costs and expenses of being an "independent" standing against "multiples" were more than I could manage and in a short time was forced to close. Some of the good memories were when Famous people came in to purchase dresses or suits and you found it very hard to try not to be star struck when serving them. To name drop just a few was Bonny Langford, who came in with her mother who was a really fussy lady and wanted everything to be glittery and sparkling and every second sentence she reminded you who her daughter was. Another stop you in your tracks character was Alice Cooper who was a complete opposite to what you would expect of an American Heavy Rocker. He was a complete gent. The next celebrity caught us all by surprise and rather embarrassing as nobody recognised her. It was a grey Monday morning and trade was slow and in walked this rather elegant looking black lady, she was very polite and was speaking in an American accent she asked if we sold good quality Tee -Shirts and if so did we print on them. We said yes and what did she want printed on them? Prejudging her style and demeanour, I thought that she was more than likely to be from the American Air Base in Warrington, so proceeded to explain the cost of printing and how many words she

wanted, and what happened next took me and the staff by complete surprise when she said “GLORIA GAYNOR LOVES YOU”.

O.M.G. One of the icons of Rock and Gospel music wanted me to print Tee-Shirts she went on to explain that she was leaving Manchester for another venue and wanted twenty shirts for her backing band as a way of thanking them.

So we set about sorting out the letters etc to do the job and to our amazement she asked if she could help , so we got her a chair and a cup of coffee and away we go. As you would imagine word soon spread and in no time the shop became crowded with sight seers . At first I was a little embarrassed on her behalf but being the trooper that she is she said “Any of you guys want to sing? And a mini concert began ....UNBELIEVABLE. An hour later she left complete with her Tee Shirts kisses exchanged and Autographs given.....Amazing what can happen on a Monday morning..... Oh happy days.

**Wyn Brady** met George Best it was my 21 and we called at this club for a drink when we got to the door the bouncer asked us which party. He said upstairs is the police one or downstairs so we said this one he let us in. Later George was going round to speak to everybody. I told him it was my birthday he got us all a drink and said help our selves to the food best birthday ever.

**Lolly Ankers Burke-woods** I met, Kenny Dagleish, Alison Moyet. Freddie Mercury and some other stars at Live Aid. My brother was a courier for The Times he collected the photographers films We got in for free.

## Competition



Name the four groups above? Answers on page 231

Below the famous Ritz in Whitworth street. Opened in 1928 and still going strong.

What bands did you see in Manchester's music Mecca?



**RITZ MECCA DANCING**  
NOTICE TO HUNDREDS CLUB  
MEMBERS AND GUESTS  
**TO-MORROW, SUNDAY,**  
**MARCH 12,**  
at 3.15 P.M.  
"BIG BEAT SHOW"  
STARTER  
**BRITAIN'S SONG**  
**CONTEST WINNER**  
MR. S. BRITAIN'S NO. 1 TREASURE IDOL  
WITH AN ALL & VERY HANDSOME  
SHEILA WILSON NOT ONLY THE  
NAME BUT ON EVERYBODY'S LIPS  
Have him sing his latest hit  
"MARRY ME"  
Also starting with him  
TWO FABULOUS  
**BIG BEAT BOYS**  
**EDDIE ROGERS, etc.**  
Sunday 12.30 P.M. 3.15 P.M.  
8.15 P.M. 9.15 P.M.  
At the latest show from the States and  
G.B. started  
**DON'T MISS THIS**  
**TERRIFIC SHOW.**





## Poppet

**Margaret Fletcher** Do you ladies remember poppet beads. I think we enjoyed playing with them ,more than wearing them .

91 people like this. 30 comments

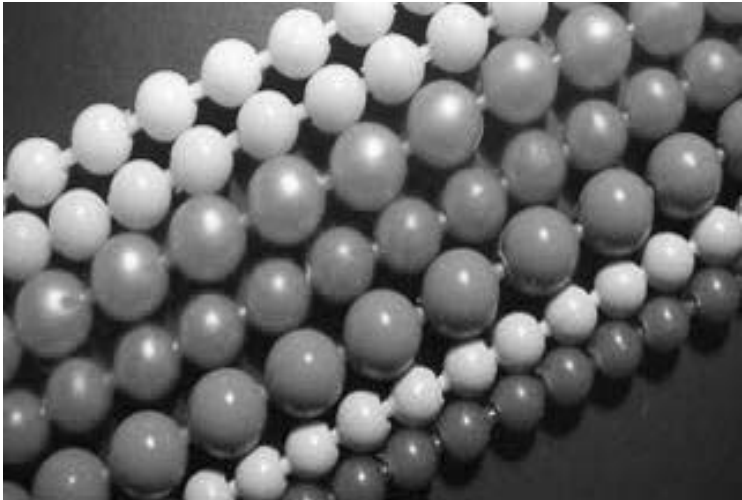
**Teresa Campbell** Oh my, my grandma bought them for us at Christmas. I loved wearing them but yes I think I spent more time popping them.

**Yvonne Woolley** Oh wow I had forgotten about these ha ha

**Angela Ormerod** Loved Them

**Sandra Ann Missenden** Me too Margaret. I like the colours.

**Joyce Walkden** I soo loved them..wish I could get them for my grandchildren...wow...



**Pamela Boddy** Used to love them I was about 13 when they came out in stoneage!!•

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**Anne Conway Burke** love them

**Maureen Stephenson** I remember them well, some of them were flat. I also was around 13 when they came out. I would get mine at Woolworth's in Northenden, along with what ever was the latest thing. Bright pink or lime green socks, ring combs for pony tails, small chiffon scarfs, that we tied around our necks. Hair buckles, fake pony tails.. net petticoats, we wore more than one.. and the famous waist cinching "waspie belts" I am sure, I have opened a memory box... many of the ladies, will no doubt remember other things!

**Sandra Lyons Newman** Remember them well.

**Margaret Fletcher** Loved the bright pink and lime green socks ,and all the petticoats ,the bigger the better. Do any of you remember duster coats? They were popular about 53 years ago I'm showing my age now ..

**Maureen Stephenson** Margaret Fletcher I loved the duster coats, they were so light and comfortable. Nothing wrong with showing your age, especially, with having a good memory. I am now 70 and don't mind admitting it!

**Margaret Fletcher** Snap Maureen. I am seventy and started doing Zumba this year .I wish my body was as good as my memory. As you get older your memories are golden.

**Katherine Rice** I had a Powder blue duster coat for Whit week when I was 12. I thought I was the bees knees going to watch the Whit walks in town...my Brothers had Royal blue blazers and matching caps....my Mum was a single Parent and we were poor but we always had new clothes for Whit....she made the coat herself but she was probably paying for the blazers till the following year : )

## Funny Names

**Moira Edge** If Conway Twitty married Kettty Lester, she would bb Ketty Twiitty.lol.. any more funny couplings, bit of a tough one, xxx

**Gary Atkinson** Yeah I remember Isla St Clair from the generation game marrying Barry White unfortunately this didn't last, they split and she went on to marry Bryan Ferry. She then became known as Isla White Ferry.

**Brian Bickerstaffe** I knew a bloke years ago called Richard Head..serious!!!

**Paul Bexfield Moira** as a fellow country and western fan Im sure you also like Patsy Cline?? If so you may know her husband rejoiced in the name of Charley Dick ...their sons name and this is absolutely true is Randy ..Dick.

**Yvonne Woolley** I know someone called Thresea green and she married someone called Forest.

**Grahame Rothwell Brian**, he has changed his name to David Moyes!

**Sylvia Mathieson** I read somewhere that Jasper Carrot had named his daughter Henrietta and Mr and Mrs Cart called their son Orson.

**Wendy Williams** My husband knew someone called Cliff Edge

**Yvonne Woolley** Ha ha good one Wendy. When I was at School we had a Colin Bates and the teacher use to say "come here Master Bates" we didn't know what it meant.

*could you design some clothes*



## Handbags

**Gaynor Freelove** - 45 likes, 17 comments

Who remembers dancing round their handbags



**Julie A Lang** some still do lol xx

**Bob Berry-Whitehurst** I've tripped over a few in the dark.

**Avril Richards** i do lol

**Lee Wild** I always left mine at home :((((

**Sylvia Evans** Me I did x

**Lynda Hamnett** Meeee

**Donna Selby** And the saying, is he looking at me Tracy.

**Kay Kenda** never did it, but remember it

**Jean Mayers** Standard! Why don't they do this anymore?

**Barbara Ashton** I do

**Gillian Hollingworth** All the time!!!!

**Donna Talbot** Most of us girls used to dance round bags because back then we didn't have shoulderbags...we carried a handbag : )

**Jan Taylor** Yes me and my friends did

**Sue Noble** me and going to the loo in pairs hahaha

**Marie Henry** me too sue

## Liberty Bodice



### **Margaret Fletcher**

Who use to wear one of these when they were a kid, did you love them or hate them?

The Liberty Bodice .

Like 89 comments 143

**Angela Shepley Bennett** we had these on our school skirts at Wythy Tech,they buttoned onto your skirt

**Josie Hughes** Me. Haha

**Margaret Cornelia** No, Vest and then bra and vest.

**Jane Huxley** Never had one, but always wanted one!

**Jillian Trippier Wynne** Not much

**Sue Copp** Of course...on top of my vest and under my petticoat. So many layers. I liked the little rubber buttons best!

**Valerie Mercer Yvonne**,the saying is,"Ne-er cast a clout (an item of clothing ) til May (blossom ) is out ".I used to think,like you,it meant the month of May,but it is the May blossom on Hawthorn bushes.

**Sue Cooley** I had to wear the flippin thing it had little rubber suspender fasteners even though all we wore were white socks. Ugggh. Also had to endure the nit comb,derbac soap, camphorated oil on chest and back after the Friday night bath. I'm moaning g now but as a child all these things made me feel loved and cared for. Which I was.

**Carole Ratcliffe** Rubber buttons.

## Liberty Bodice

**Sandra Ann Missenden** I did my mum made us mine  
had rubber buttons I hated them

**Freda Mottley** They were a way of life with me,  
I always had one on from as long as I remembered.  
Never even thought of not liking them.

**Carole Higham** How would you feel about wearing one  
at secondary school? My friend Alisons Mum made her  
wear one and on PE lessons myself and another friend  
had to shield her getting changed to stop the other girls  
poking fun. Poor girl was mortified. xx

**Denise Littlefair** I hated them, mum made us wear them  
in the winter x

**Betty Holding** Asked for a bra told to tighten mine

**Jean Edwards** I used to hide mine in the wardrobe and  
put it back on when i got home from school. the lable in  
the back said Peter Pan., must have been the the trade  
mark!!

**Sue Cooley** I remember the Peter Pan label.

**Jane Eaton** Do we need to set up another group?  
Liberty Bodices/Lovers and Haters. I have always found  
the liberty bodice issue is a great way of guaging  
someone's age. The Dickie Valentine test also works.

**Jane Eaton** For guaging read gauging!

**Deborah Cosburn** Oh yes !

**Carole Higham** I'm sorry to say I do remember Dickie  
Valentine! x

Dickie Valentine was an English pop singer in the 1950s.  
In addition to several other Top Ten hit singles,  
Valentine had two chart-toppers on the UK Singles Chart  
with "Finger of Suspicion" and "Christmas Alphabet".

**Barbara Cosworth** Anyone had to endure a spoonful of Virol or cod liver oil and malt during the winter months ? I loved Delrosa and the orange juice from the 'welfare'

**Sue Cooley** Yes. Had all of that. I can remember the orange juice from the clinic. I didn't like that at all.

**Carole Ratcliffe** Remember all those Barbara. Used to swig Delrosa from the bottle when no-one was looking! No wonder our teeth rotted. Don't forget Brewer's Yeast tablets for spotty teenagers. Went through bottles of those... and did they work on the spots NO.

**Barbara Cosworth** Ha yes Carole. The dentist makes a good living from me !!

**Joyce Hopkins** Used to put Virol on my children's dummy...

**Barbara Cosworth** Thinking about the old days and more simple times...I loved sitting in front of the black and white telly watching Popeye. The coal fire blazing Toasting fork ..lots of toast ( crust was the best ) ' best butter' glass of milk ..ah happiness in simple pleasures.

**Angie Mcfc Thomas** When crusts were worth fighting over Barbara.

**Barbara Cosworth** Ah yes Carole Brewer's Yeast ! My mum had all sorts of stuff in her kitchen cupboard that I still don't know what she used them for...Indian brandy/ Jacksons drawing ointment/Sanatogen tonic/wintergreen/ Bay rum ...ha ha

**Jane Huxley** I hated the orange juice from the clinic and I hated school milk! My mum despaired because I didn't like anything that was free! Delrosa was too sweet for me! Having Vick rubbed on your chest when you had a cold, tripe and onion sauce with mashed potato! Cold



honeycomb tripe with salt, pepper and vinegar in the summer! Yuk! Mum used to make sheep's head broth and my dad loved cow heel!

**Sue Cooley** Ha ha sonatagen wine and yeast bite tablets. That's the nearest me and my mates got to a rave. We wagged school one afternoon and swigged her mums tonic wine and had a yeast vite tablet each.

Wow June that brings back memories coming back from altincham market on the little number 80 bus with a bag full of pigs trotters and a sheeps head for my mum to make brawn. Yuck.

**Margaret Cornelia** My dad did sheeps head for the dog, no wonder I am veggie.

**Jane Huxley** The sheep's head broth was actually good, but pigs trotters oh no there was a limit!

**Barbara Cosworth** There used to be a tripe shop near Conran Street Market back in the 1950s that I remember going in with my mum. Cold tripe and onions was a favourite of my dads. Yak ! He loved black pudding too. Sometimes we would go to the UCP on Market Street in Manchester. Anyone remember the cafe upstairs ????

**Jane Huxley** Oh the UCP! Yes I do remember the cafe! My goodness we had to eat one awful stuff as kids didn't we, but it was what was available wasn't it!

**Barbara Cosworth** Ha yes...but..I still LOVE good old tater ash !!! Used to love dipping Warburtons bread into the gravy when my mum used to make it. I still make it occasionally and have pickles or beetroot with it !

**Jane Huxley** My dad also liked ox tongue and stuffed marrow! Tinned peaches or pears with Carnation milk on them at my Nana's for Sunday tea after tinned salmon or

## Food for Thought

ham salad.

**Barbara Cosworth** Ha ha ha...yes. We all sat round the dining table too. Simple fayre but disciplined. No TV dinners ! You sat at the table until the meal was finished!

**Jane Huxley** Oh yes tater hash with beetroot, still love it! Those were the days Barbara! Civilised weren't they?

**Carole Ratcliffe** All that stuff in your mum's cupboard is probably on prescription now with fancy names. Don't forget Lion Eye Ointment & Jackson's Rub.

**Joyce Hopkins** And red cabbage.....yum

**Barbara Cosworth** Yes they were. You ate what you were given. The first 'foreign' food I ever tasted was a Vesta packet curry which I made myself as a teenager. Mum and dad wouldn't even think about trying it!.....but you have to laugh when you think of some of the stuff they did eat...the food previously mentioned !

**Jane Huxley** Vesta curry, my oh my Barbara! My dad wouldn't touch anything with rice, unless it was rice pudding none of that foreign muck! Lol

Right ladies it's been great to chat on my first day on Manchester memories, but am off to bed now, thanks for your company and hope we chat again.

**Barbara Cosworth** Been great. Goodnight.

**Jane Huxley** Night night x

**Sue Cooley** Nite sleep well everyone

**Alison Lock** Hated them. Wore vest underneath. 'Don't cast a clout 'til May is out'! So June 1st was freedom Christine Hinton My mum sewed them to my school skirts. The waist of the skirt came under my armpits. It lasted me through school though. The skirt not the bodice



## Tomatoes

**Mandi Varrie** This might seem like a totally bizarre thing to bring up. I remember (years ago) overhearing a guide at the art gallery at Salford Uni telling students that in the past, the poor people of Manchester used to go down to Trafford Quays to pick tomatoes. Apparently, the sewer waste used to wash into the water down there, and tomato seeds (which are not digested) would thrive on the banks. Now, obviously all the students said this was nonsense, but the curator swore it was the truth. Has anyone else heard this or was the guide taking the P out of all the gullible fools in the gallery that day.

**Mel West** Never heard of it!

**Brian Bailey** Heard this story before but don't know if it's true or not.

**Mandi Varrie** You aren't the curator are you Brian?

**Jackie Marsh** Heard about it from someone who used to work in sewerage. Said were great tomatoes!

**Wendy Tasker** I've heard this story as well. Also tomatoes grow at the sewage works.

**Sylvia Searles** Wikipedia?

**Wendy Tasker** My Dad told me about tomatoes growing at the sewage works when I was a little girl.

**Sylvia Searles** They might have been Wendy Tasker, x

**Abraham Moss** was all allotments years ago

**John Carrington** That is correct Sylvia.....the seeds dont digest in our gut, and end up in growing. medium.....YUK lol

**Anne Parnell** We do u of all be growing things inside us like alien x x. Lol•

**Steven Cheshire** True

## Tomatoes

**Kathryn Weir** Putting me off tomatoes this morning.

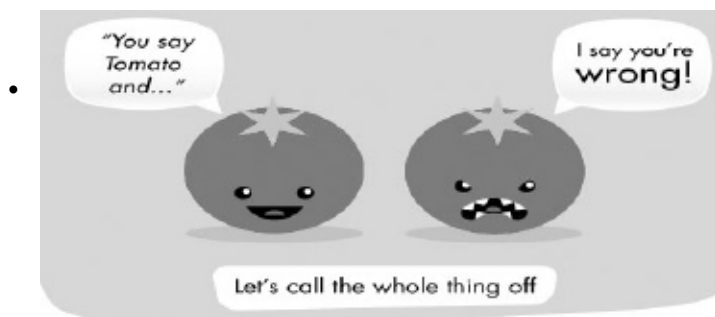
**Jack Holt** Heard similar tales about the sewage works near Cromwells' castle near Denton

**Sue Reynolds** Yes this is definitely true my grandad told me as did my hubby's father they also grew at the waste plant on M56 everyone used to go pick them I don't think I would fancy it though.

**Maureen Stephenson Mandi Varrie** Sounds quite plausible to me... My mother in law...went to our cousin's farm... for a load of cow manure.. She placed it round her Zinnias... and a few months later, she was staking up "tomato plants, with lots of tomatoes on them!" Apparently, the cows must have come in contact with tomatoes or seeds.. And the rest is tomatoes!

**Mel West** How strange! Never heard this before!

**Valerie Mercer** There's a sewage works a few miles down the road from us, and in the 70's my husband was building a new part. His mate went wandering off at dinner time, and when he came back he had a carrier bag full of tomato plants which he intended to plant when he got home ! (I'm the same, I wouldn't have fancied them, either !)



## Worst Gifts

**Maureen Willoughby** What is the worst gift you have been given? Mine was egg cups and matching oven gloves for my birthday one year into marriage!!,Also a betting slip for a horse my husband fancied winning the grand national!,

Likes 16 Comments 56

**Evelyn Cheyne** A thong from pound stretcher.

**Carole Ratcliffe** Future hubby bought me an ironing board the Christmas before we were married!

**Tina Hilton** A Hoover off my husband for my birthday. I was Not happy! !

**Tina Hilton** What Carole Ratcliffe and you still married him!

**Paul Wellings** a dyson

**Alan Price** Fire lighters when I got central heating fitted

**Audrey West** A slendertone slimming belt off my husband.

**Steph Bradshaw** and you still married him.

**Carole Ratcliffe.** I was over the moon with an electric mixer from my hubby but my work colleagues were horrified.

**Ann Osborn** Are you still married Audrey?

**Paul Wellings** never mind that have you still got cherry pickers haha lol.

**Paul Wellings** a frying pan wtf.

**Audrey West** I was, but unfortunately he passed away.

I just happened to mention in passing one year that I wouldn't mind one of them and lo and behold I got one for Christmas, suppose it was my own fault. Bless him x

**Ann Osborn** Must have been true love then Audrey, he just wanted to make you happy! thats nice x

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**Carole Ratcliffe** Oh yes Tina Hilton & Steph Bradshaw -almost 38 yrs ago now. By the way, he was wearing the ironing board on Boxing Day! Never let this one lie & still hate ironing.

**Paul Wellings** saying zilch

**Jane Huxley** A new mop for Easter instead of an egg, because my Mum said I needed a new one! I was 32 at the time and still wanted an Easter egg! Lol

**Frank Lawless** I got a soup set for a wedding present, mum said she gave it to a relative for a wedding anniversary a few years before. We gave it to a friend, for his wedding, and 2 years later he gave it my mum as a wedding anniversary. Forget kama.

**Ann Osborn** I never had Easter eggs my mum always bought me SOCKS !!!

**Paul Wellings** mmmmm

**Jane Huxley** Ann Osborn, that was cruel!

**Paul Wellings** what the big nicks or socks ???

**Ann Osborn** I buy my 3 children Easter eggs every year.

**Paul Wellings** dont think James would appreciate big cherrys lol

**Sylvia Searles** the same birthday card

**Jane Huxley** My friend asked her husband for a pair of gold earrings for Xmas, he bought her a Wok! Hmmm think he missed the point as to why she was upset and we never let him forget it! Lol

**Billy Morse** A packet of 10 (opened) Senior Service. I smoke menthol.. ...

**Maureen Willoughby** Haha men are great!!, At work we do a secret santa and one colleague gave another a pack of postman pat plasters. Awkward moment as we sat

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round the staff room!,

**Bev Buckley** Got pyrex dishes for my wedding from a great aunt, at the time thought what the hell!! 20 years later still got them and use them every day. Best thing i have!!!!

**Paul Wellings** fondue set in harpurhey wedding present you having a laugh.

**Row Cardew** I think I've laughed more at these answers than I have for any other post!

**Paul Wellings** my mates wife asked for an animal fur coat he got her a donkey jacket.

**Sue Copp** I was given a candle that looked exactly like a black pudding.

**Paul Wellings** glad you kept that clean sue.

**Carole Ratcliffe** Bev Buckley - we were given a full pyrex tea set to match the casserole dishes. Still use the casseroles & dinner/side plates. They were all bought at Timothy White's. After almost 38 years -still plenty of wear left!

**Paul Wellings** nice my ma had some in here pot shop near cintra bingo and you got 20 green shield stamps with one lol.

**Jane Huxley** I have to say as a primary school teacher over the years the children gave some interesting presents, each one treasured for the thought, but one year one of my nine year olds gave a gift, said "Sorry Miss, hope it's OK but I dropped it on the way to school!" I shook it gently, it didn't sound hopeful! When I opened it later the 2 "beautiful," I use the term loosely, glass dolphins were shattered! I never told her! The secretary used to have a shelf in her office and we had to donate the best



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of the worst gifts to go on display! I still have a box full of things children bought me, haven't the heart to throw them out!

**Maureen Willoughby** Lovely, children's gifts are great. Once I got a box of opened quality street....all the best ones eaten!!

**Paul Wellings** I never gave my primary teachers anything i think they had been kicked out of the gestapo

**Ann Osborn** Primary teachers on the whole are nice, maybe you was a bad boy Paul !

**Paul Wellings** you have a point there haha.

**Jane Huxley** We are nice Ann Osborn!

Well most of us are Ann Osborn, I have worked with some questionable ones over the years! Lol

**Paul Wellings** there you go she worked with mine

**Jane Huxley** Maybe Paul Wellings, you never know! Lol

**Paul Wellings** only joking i like my teacher.

**Jane Huxley** Yeah right Paul Wellings, ha ha! Were you a little horror in class? The class joker by the sound of it!

**Ann Osborn** Good Boy, now tidy your desk !

**Paul Wellings** got expelled from first school for going out to shop for crisps 7 year old, but moors murderers were snatching kids in Manchester.

**Pearl Naylor** Not a present, a Christmas card, from hubby. Beautiful picture on the front but inside it said 'Best Wishes'! You can imagine my response.

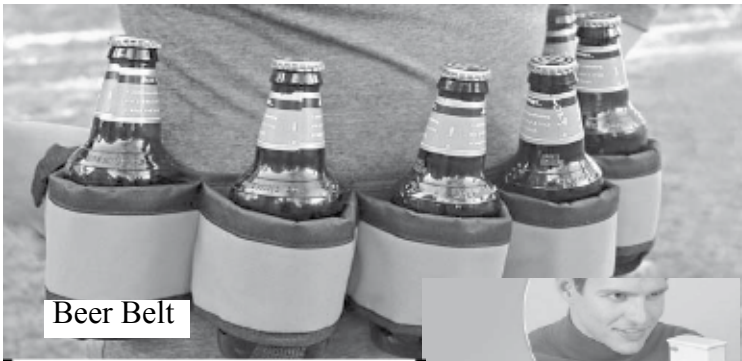
**Enid Cartlidge** One year my husband bought 5 boxes of chocolates to give to various relatives. The day arrived when we were going to wrap and deliver them. We noticed that the sealing stickers had been replaced by cartoon stickers. Very suspicious. ...See More

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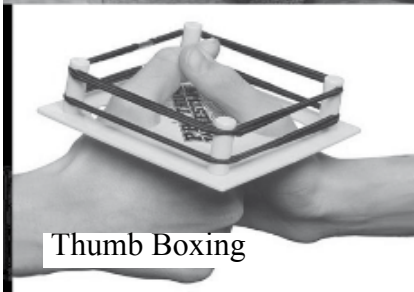
**Maureen Willoughby** That's genius thinking on your son's part!! Very good....am sure he will go far in life!!

**Enid Cartlidge** He's always been the comedian of the family. We had a kitchen extension built onto our house in Levenshulme and he once put loud music on. climbed out of his sisters bedroom window and did a naked dance on the extension roof. He was only about eight I need to say. lol

**Sue Cooley** Not the worst gift but quite touching when I got married in 1967 my neighbours kids turned up at the front door with a present for me. An old baby's buggy filled with rhubarb. They said they couldn't afford to buy me anything but "found" the rhubarb growing wild so picked it for me.



Beer Belt



Thumb Boxing



Toilet Cup

## Steve Penk - Wind Up Calls

### **Josie Smile Quinn**

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen. Hope this week has been pleasant so far!

Can anybody remember Steve Penk phoning people and winding them up on his breakfast show on Piccadilly Key103? I miss that, so funny!

Like 153 comments 57

**David Stringer** One of my favourites - some were absolutely hilarious.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yW4foNyTswQ>

**Tracy Kettle** Hilarious!!xx

**Julie Denevon** Ha ha loved him

**Karen Jean Orman** Son bought me the CD still laugh at it now xx

**Josie Smile Quinn** I just had my house doubled over wetting themselves laughing at that, thank you David Stringer! xx

**Geoff Morrison** Yes its was great wind up person listen to it at work

**David Stringer** Love it when he slips in “you slapper” and “you old tart” etc - and they don’t notice..!!!!

**Mark Demain** Remember spousal arousal he did. Never was much good on telly though Steve Penk

**Vivienne Sullivan** He phoned my friends sister up the day before she was getting married, he pretended to be the manager from the venue she was having the reception, he said they’d have to cancel as the building had been flooded or they could use the staff canteen but the staff would have to be fed as well cos it was their lunch breaks would be at the same time.

He said if they wanted to do it on a different date he

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could fit them in but not for 3 months. His “bleep” machine was well used!! X

**John Ellis** OMG was so funny, think he got a TV show after that lol

**Chris Wise** Anyone remember his Dutch character Hans Dat Du Dishus?

**Stephen Howes** and hugh jarse.

**Charles Lambley** He is still going on an Internet radio station Oldham way I think

**Evelyn Cheyne** He was brill glad I was never on the end of one his pranks he certainly could get the blood boiling lol

**Maureen Stephenson** Northern humour at its best! LOL

**Nicholas Ardron** last time i heard Steve penk he was on revolution radio show doing breakfast.

**Mary Faulkner** I remember ....

**Alan Hawes** Steve penk on radio was great but useless on TV they lose that air of mystery TV can be very restricting for many radio DJ's I worked at granada studios as a scene joiner in the 80's saw him struggle with auto cue's but it cuts both ways Tony Wilson was the opposite

**Christine Cleary** He was brilliant xxx.

**Janet Francis** OMG how funny was that I wish key 103 would do it again I loved it!!!

**Diane Riley** Yeah I remember that , had me in stitches every time. Yeah he had the voice for radio and no flare for television work.

**Brenda Day** I remember him he was soooo funny.

**Maureen Willoughby** I remember one where he applied for a job in a betting shop in the Isle of Man....it was so

## Steve Penk - Wind Up Calls

funny.

**Maureen Stephenson** LOL There is a saying here ... he/she has a great face for Radio! It is often surprising, when you meet a radio celebrity.. and they sound nothing like you would expect! One thing about radio, they never have to worry about fancy clothes, make up or hair styles!

**David Stringer** Maureen Willoughby - this is the one!  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u0LkK6aq238>

**Lillian Clarke** He rang my sister she lives in Cambridge told her that the gypsies was coming in a few hours to park on the land in front of her house. She went mad, it was quite funny it was my youngest sister norma that rang steve penk. Such a laugh for us, but at the time not for our Maureen. ha ha

**Russ Campbell** He has his own radio company in Oldham called The Revolution 105.2 I think on FM ! It's great plays 60,70,80, mostly ! And it's loads of local presenters ! Covers as far as Manchester City centre ! Sunday night he plays his pranks still !!

**Lillian Clarke** thanks for that information russ.

**Russ Campbell** SORRY JUST Checked its 96.2 FM

**Margaret Little** He was brilliant he did a stint on tv but don't no what he is doing now x

**Golden Graham White** He owns revolution radio  
Margaret

**Coral McKeown** I got him phoning my dad about a poodle for sale was very funny at the time dad kept putting phone down on them and he eventually reported the number to BT. they stopped doing it after that I think lol x

## Moustaches



**Brian Hamblett**

Moustaches.. Do you girls miss being tickled by a man's top lip...should the hairy caterpillar return?

Like • • 10 Comments 35

**Wendy Tasker** No please !

My hubby had his for about 30 years. Please don't bring it back in fashion.

**Brian Hamblett** 1-0 to the no campaign! Wendy Tasker..do you not miss the taste of his lunch still in the bristles?

**Julie Ryderis Carnelly**

No!!!!

**Brian Hamblett** 2-0...not even Tom Sellecks lush lip mane?

**Joan Winder** Porn tash haha

**Wendy Tasker** No ! At least he kept it trimmed !

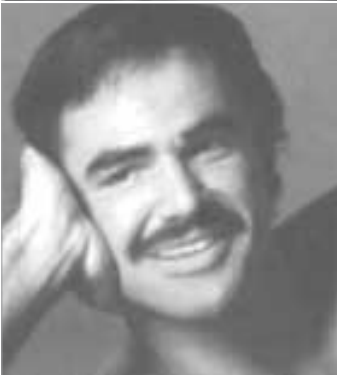
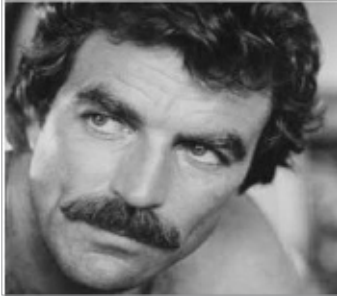
**Susie Large** Don't think I'd fancy a full on facial assault from

Salvador Dali there....a tickle

from Tom, however..... ;o)

**Brian Hamblett** I know quite a few moustachioed ladies..lol...work for me now...there must be more hair fans out there!!!

**Marco Tetelini** I have a van dyke



## Moustaches

**Kath McGoldrick** yuk!!

**Doreen Bowie** Not keen on mustaches but these are two of my favourite men watch Blue Bloods because Tom is in it

**Janet Olivia Cox** No I do not...these big bushy caterpillars are a home to disease.

**Joanna Morgan** Hell no!!!!

**Yvonne Woolley** No

**Judy Nicholls** Er. No.

**Betty Halfpenny** They look nice on photographs but not in reality. I personally have never like moustaches or beards.

**Brian Hamblett** Tom Sellecks not nice..what a shame.. he comes on TV...(I know he's acting..lol)...as a top guy.

**Marion Day** nooooooooo eek.....clean shaven or goatee no taches or van dykes

**Suzan Lomas** They were ok in the day, but think we've all moved on!!!

**Mary Greer** No thanks

**Brian Hamblett** Well....I dont think I will be regrowing my Tom Selleck...or no kisses for me!!!!

**Sandra Carroll** My man has had one fr the last 30 yrs or so love it xx

**Brian Hamblett** Now I'm wavering again...lol...no... moustaches consigned to room 101...!!!

**Sandra Carroll** My hubby swears it helps his hay fever  
x

**Suzan Lomas** Defiantly Brian 101 it is!!

**Gill Egeli** I used to think Magnum was winking at me at the end!

## Competition

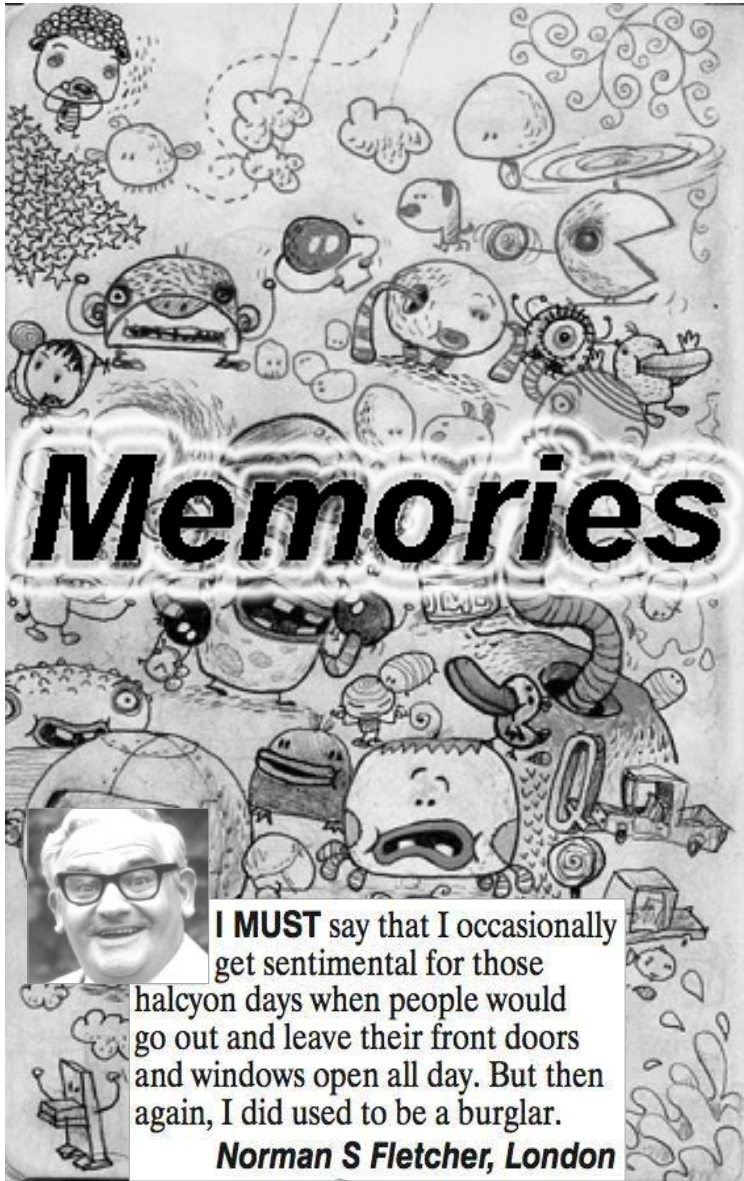
Many actors and actresses have graced the famous cobbles of ITV's "Coronation Street" over the years. Can you name the ones shown below?

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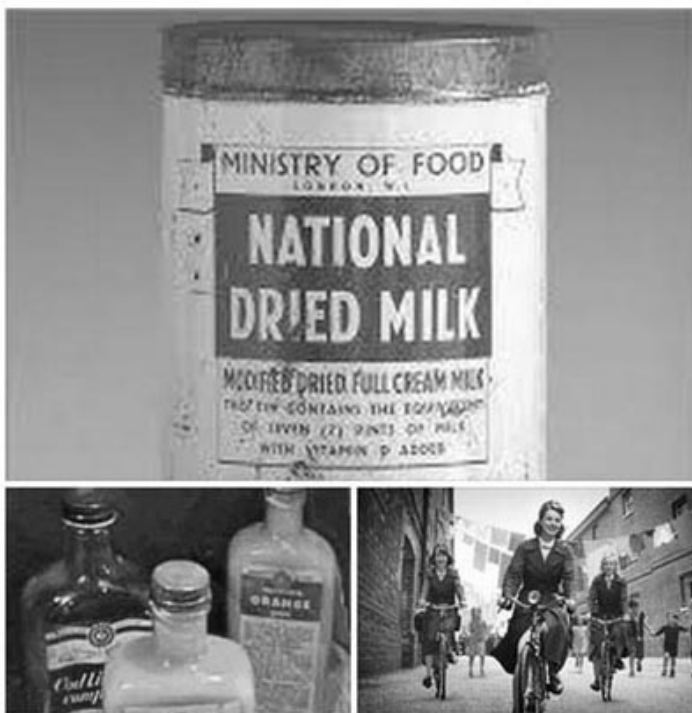
**I MUST** say that I occasionally get sentimental for those halcyon days when people would go out and leave their front doors and windows open all day. But then again, I did used to be a burglar.

**Norman S Fletcher, London**

## National Dried Milk

What about National Dried baby milk and Farleys Rusks, remember those? I used to eat spoonfuls of my brother's National Dried when my Mum wasn't looking and pinch the rusks too.

**Elaine O'Sullivan** My older brothers made use of my national dried milk tins they put holes in tin and made shower in back yard for me and my sister we were talk



of the neighbourhood they thought we were posh, happy days

**Eric Hildebrandt** Cod liver oil and Malt lovely.

## Stone the front step

**Stephen Dunn** Who had a Mother, Nanna, Sister or neighbour who used to regularly 'Stone' (Donkey Stone) the front step with a border on the flags under the window? Ha ha haa!!!....how times have changed!



**Michael Carr** They used to be proud of the polished step, it was like my steps clean so is my home, a lot has changed now, no respect for where they live anymore

**Stephen Dunn** Always caused a row when there was a footprint on a freshly stoned step! God help anyone who crossed my Nanna Spencer.

**Kath Scott** Anyone remember donkey stones??? & stoning the steps??? Likes 31 with 19 comments

**Edna Odonnell** It is printed in my mind love, it was my job. lol xx

**Ken Boulton** Didn't know Donkeys had stones lol

## Stone the front step

**Katherine Rice** Remember them well...trying to get the lines straight.

**Pamela Porter** Used to do it every saturday for my sixpence spends.

**Kath Scott** You are lucky you got paid!!

**Marion Walsh** yep!

**Stephen Howes** Remember donkey punch.

**Suzan Lomas** My job every Saturday morning, then straight to the wash baths,does anybody remember them?then off to Sivoris with my spends after what I thought was a hard days work!!,but I was only nine,now I no what a hard days work is!!,but look back with fond memories.

**Flo Rowland Meakin** Yes and once they had been done nobody could walk on them

**Cheryl Skadins-Mitchell** Yes they had been round for years nobody uses them today they paint there step now

**Barbara Stockham** My grandma did it all the time. And black leaded the grate. X

**Brenda Eagle** Took great pride in my straight lines. Once done nobody was allowed to walk on it. Good old days.

**Barbara Jones** Used to do it for my grandma, every week then she volunteered me for her next door neighbour, so had to do theirs as well.

**Jane Roberts** I have one

**Sheila Mcglone** Ohh yes every Friday and you could not let it streak.

**Angela Ormerod** my nan did that

**Mags Cooke** Sixpence!!! All I got was a threepenny bit!!!! lol

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**Stephen Dunn** Who remembers being sent to the shop for a 6 strip of these?... Ha ha ha!!!Or did you prefer 'Phensic' or 'Veganin'? lmao!

Like 46 Comment 14

**Hazel Bernard** I remember them

**Jean Berrisford** Me

**Rochelle Berger** There are so many now... its like 'take your pick'... all do the bloomin' same... nothing llooll

**Gwen Green** they was pink xxx

**Hazel Bernard** were they I don't remember that x

**Stephen Dunn** Yes the packet was pink, the tablets were white.

**Rochelle Berger** The tablets were pink... Stephen.

1 May at 19:06 • Like • 1

**Stephen Dunn** Hi Rochelle. I thought they were white like in this old picture but maybe they were pink at one time!

**Rochelle Berger** No Stephen... think we are talking about more from the 50/60s... like the main post.... think you can still by Aspro ???

**Stephen Dunn** I think you may be right Rochelle maybe Aspro did make their tablets pink at one point then changed them to white because I can positively remember (early 60's) going to the shop for my Mam and getting the pink 'Strip' or paper 'Tape' that had 6...

**Kathleen Holsten Sarson** My Mother always bought 'Cephos tablets' never seen them for years.

**Rita Maher** I loved the junior aspirin, the orange ones, I used to nick when my mum wasn't looking and eat them like sweets lol x

**Catherine Gilluley Ruiz** Me ! I remember x

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**Hazel Mason**

Who remembers the old Ewbank? I was small but I remember me Mum using one and the noise it made lol

**Sue Austin** I still call that type of carpet sweeper ewbanks my gran and mum both had one

**Tracey Marland** It was my job to ewbank around the table after tea.

**Fred Sidlow** My gran had a brown one.

**Sandra Ann**

**Missenden** That's right sue a Ewbank. I think we had a red one

everything in my mums kitchen was red cream

**Mags Cummings** My Mum had a wooden one, it would have been an antique, wish I still had it. They do electric ones now that you plug in and recharge but not sure they're Ewbank.

**Sharon Bradshaw** I used to love our Evans and I think you can still buy them. I think our was a cheap one because all the rubbish used to fall back out x

**4 May at 20:59 • Like • 1**

**Lee John Hadfield Ewbank**, the brand is still around.

I think

**Sharon Bradshaw** Ewbank not Evans x

**Sandra Ann Missenden** I know they were very neat not much could go wrong with them Mags.

**Sandra Ann Missenden** Not very good on shagpile though.

**Tracey Marland** Just Googled them and they are still for sale although the modern versions.

**Michelle Billinge** My mum had one for years

**Dorothea Forshaw** Yes we had one they were ok.x

**Sharon Bradshaw** £15 on Amazon UK x

**Pam Riker** They weren't half bad! lol

**Pat Millington** Yes my mum had one.

**Gillian Smart** Omg! Mum had a turquoise one, use to get my fingers trapped when emptying it, and if it was too full it all came out and made more mess!

**Zoe Davies** I remember my nana having a blue one





**Stephen Dunn**

Bom bom bom bom!

Esso Blue!

Who remembers going to the shop with the container for a good old gallon of blue! Lol!!!

**Doug Robertson** That always had four bums and it was blue

**Stephen Dunn**

Paraffin heaters were cheap as chips and if you didn't trim the wick they stunk the house out but still happy memories!

**Judy Nicholls** My Dad sold it in his shop in Pendlebury.

**Pam Riker** I remember taking our container and getting paraffin for the heater. Good times lol.

**Billy Morse** Put a tiger in your tank!! Esso Blue STUNK!! We had a pyramid shaped heater... it was a death trap!!

**Lee Berry** I had the job of fetching the paraffin from our local garage. Had to use a metal container with a small handle that made it really difficult to carry, but that was no excuse. Hated doing it.

**David White** Remember it well bum bum bum esso blue

**Graham Beesley** It's the Esso Blee Dooler!!

**Christina Lowry** We had a heater in the cellar, I loved the smell.

**Carole Ratcliffe** Had a paraffin heater on the landing as there was no other heating upstairs. My friend's Dad had a ironmongers shop on Market Street, Droylsden.



## Before Central Heating

**Sharon Aarons** Before central heating does anyone remember lighting the fire using firelights, a shovel and a piece of newspaper. Then having to clean out the grate in the morning.

Likes 169 Comments 98

**Clive Kenyon** I remember scraping the ice off the inside of the bedroom windows.

**Row Cardew** We used to have icicles inside the windows too! The worst bit about making the fire was carrying out the ashes n filling the coal scuttle!

**Margaret Walton** My dad used to do that

**Sheila Roberts** Best thing is that we can laugh about it on here. With heating on full blast

**Clive Kenyon** Young ones now a days wouldn't know how to light a fire nor know what a back boiler was!

**Sheila Rhodes** Loved the smell of fire lighters my nana used them lovely coal fire up the chimney x

**Row Cardew** Yea we can Sheila and it didn't do us any harm did it?

**Sheila Roberts** Still think we had the best upbringing

**Sheila Rhodes** Your right sheila didn't do us any harm

**Sheila Roberts** cardboard insoles in your shoes, corn-flake box or wheatabix

**Maureen Stephenson** We are a hardy lot... and none the worse for it! I treasure my child hood memories... and think that I was most fortunate... compared to some. I never went without, never knew hunger, always had nice clothes, comics, different types of shoe, pumps, sandals, dress shoes, a warm coat, pretty boots in winter. I even had a "mongrel bike" Handlebars from this bike, frame from another, seat, wheels etc., But was it ever my pride

and joy. I had a lovely big basket on the front and a bell! (They were new) LOL How I yearned for one of those Triumph “Pink Witch” girls Bicycle. They were every girls dream. But the price was way out of reach!. I would not even want to think how much one would have been new! I can see we all were happy and have happy memories!

**Sheila Rhodes** I could make a pan of tatty ash when mam was at the wash house and I was only 10 . We never had take away we couldn't afford it.

**Sheila Roberts** Wonderful memories

**Carole Ratcliffe** Our coalhole was in the ginnel, but it was bricked up to make a bigger pantry. The old air raid shelter, close to our back door, became the coal place.

**Row Cardew** Fantastic memories and what a brilliant training for life. I remember my mum saying she could feed 5 of us on 2 slices of bacon, an onion n a pan of rice! We called it risotto n it was gorgeous and I thought my mum was a cordon bleu cook cos I knew risotto was continental! Haha!

**Sharon Aarons** Lol Row. Bet there's a few people would like that recipe today

**Carole Ratcliffe** After watching a prog about processed food this week, we'd all be a lot healthier if recipes, like your mum used Row, were still around & a lot richer too.

**Row Cardew** Sharon, we still have risotto regularly tho there's a lot more in it. It's really versatile! When my daughter was away at uni she made it loads n so did all flat mates! You can create wonders with a chicken stock cube n a tin of tomatoes.

**Sharon Aarons.** My own recipe works well with

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leftover chicken and anything I can find knocking around. Never call it risotto but sounds the same. Great mid week standby.

**Row Cardew** Yea,same here. Lots of people don't seem to "get it" tho n have Take aways! Their loss!

**Carole Ratcliffe** Watching Masterchef makes me laugh when they do the 'invention test'. How many mums did that every day with the leftovers to spin a meal out?

**Anita Beatrice Watson** If it didn't light a little paraffin was splashed.. I was sent to the petrol station to fill the can..

**Gordon Allen** Still do it. We have an open fire in our Pub. Pain in the rear!

**Christine Rogers** I have coal fires in my living room and dining room. I love them and the heat they give off, but I do have to say they're a pain to clean. I remember when I was a little girl my dad would get up at about five in the morning to clean the grate and light it again. I also have fond memories of toasting crumpets on the fire in winter

**Harold Sherd** Yes thst was my job for pocket money

**Mel West** Well the memories have come flooding back after reading all of your brilliant posts! Yes in those days, no central heating, and the only fire was in the living room. At night all the chairs were pulled round the fire, anyone going to the toilet would lose their seat! Mam always used to say " don't sit too close or you'll get mottled legs!"

In the winter my dad used to get up really early, light the fire, clean the grate, and put the stove on in the kitchen. He would leave the oven door open , so it was nice and warm to get a wash before school or later on, before

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going to work. Our bathroom was freezing in winter! Yes I remover ice on the inside of the windows!

I'd forgotten about the damper!

**Annette O'Rourke** And putting the poker in the middle and news paper until it lit it scared the life out of me lol

**Bill Hassall** I use to set fire to newspaper

**Jean Kobewka** yes lol i use to help my mum squash newspaper up into balls and put them on tope of the coal then my mum would light it

**Marion Walsh** yep!! those were the days

**Jean Kobewka** yes happy times lol i remember when we first moved to hattersley the living room carpet didnt fit the room properly and the floor was tiled so my mum use to tie cloth's to mine and my brother's feet and we had fun sliding on the tiles and polishing them at the same time

**Martin Oconnor** aye for the toast

**Jean Kobewka** i use to love sitting in front of the fire watching my mum making toast in front of the fire lol

**Rene'e McCormick** that toast was the best yum yum

**Jean Kobewka** it was the best toast

**Patricia Jason** Aaaaahhhh memories my mum used to be up at 5am lite the fire and stone the step and get loads of toast ready for my brother and me and be at work for 7am. I remember the pink witch I had to help my dad at work in the summer of 1958 /59 can't remember and he bought me a pink witch bike. I think it was around 20 pounds so proud loved him.

**Diane Rudkin** Remember it well.

**Jayne Jackson** We had to twist newspaper into firelighters once a week we all sat round the fire doing them.

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**David White** What about taking out the hot ashes when the winds blowing!

**Tracy Sparrow Devaney** I still do it now not got heating no gas where I live. I use tin foil instead of paper now cos it is safer.

**Joe Taylor** I still have a victorian working fireplace great in the winter.

**Frank Wells** ^^^ Shouldn't that be "Grate" instead

**Christine Rogers** Nothing better than a real fire

**Jacqueline Grundle** The 1 above is a very posh toasting fork lol.Ours was made out of an old wire coat hanger haha. Still did brilliant toast though xx

**Angela Ormerod** Looks nice, but hard work, lol  
My Dad always did it

**Anne Parnell** That was my job before school x x

**June Radford** I used to hate getting dirty but liked the warmth of the fire.

**Row Cardew** Joe Taylor no worries on spelling, we understood

**Anthony Armistead** Last time I did that.I set the chimney on fire.

**Anne Parnell** We had one too x x

**Anne Conway Burke** YEAH!!!

1 hr • Like

**Eric Hildebrandt** Yep.

**Roy Walter Ingham** Had gas lights in my bedroom. Outside toilet where the tin bath hung on a nail. One cold water tap. One coal fire..... Ardwick 1960.

**Freda Robinson** Where about in ardwick was you?

I lived there till they were pulled down.

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## Local Pubs

**Row Cardew** Which was your favourite local pub {back in the day} where you met your mates for a drink. Before we had Gastro pubs!

**Derek Vickers** The best pub ever was the grapes in heyrod stalybridge. I owned it for 14 year's anyone who new it will agree.

**Epic Dave Wood** Wagon and horses on Hyde road also the garret on pink bank lane back in the 80's but don't drink now gave up 12 years ago

**Enid Cartlidge** I gave up alcohol about 18 years ago. Prefer a hot chocolate these days lol

**Julie Schilling Howarth** The Didsbury, Old Cock and Parrswood happy days x

**Valerie Walker** Dave Campbell, what era did you go in the Stockade. We trained with Greenalls, The Stocks was my husbands base and we were there when The Stockade opened. Harry Murphy was manager, great bloke. Did relief work at some great pubs. The most memorable was The Railway near the docks in Salford. Great days.

**Carol Macmillan** Takis Bar on Oxford Street...xxx

**Harold Sherd** The midland on lapwing lane disbury all the teds hung out there also turks head in manchester great meeting place if we were going to a r n r do anywhere

**Rob Sherratt** lantern wythenshawe

**Kathryn Weir** Somebody said the Oaks Charlton, I met my first true love there nearly fifty years ago, Graham Douglas from Fallowfield where are you?

**Dave Campbell** Valerie Walker, i used to go in Stockade in late 70s to Nov 86. Only been back once since. My ex Bro in law used to work the doors there.

## Whit Walks

**Hilda Hancock** Waiting for the whit week walks outside church inn on Ashton new road Bradford

**Dorothea Forshaw** Lovely picture.



**Hilda Hancock** Thank you Dorothy's happy days,

**Dorothea Forshaw** For sure.x

**Carol Hawkins** Loved the whit week walks we got something new 2 wearxxxx

**Freda Robinson** I used to spend whit monday outside the haunch of venison on dale st manchester loved the whit walks

**Flo Rowland Meakin** Hi where abouts on Ashton New Rd I started at Mill St then followed to piccadilly

7 May at 13:56 • Like

**Hilda Hancock** Hi flo church inn was next door to the commercial,

**Flo Rowland Meakin** Thanks, but still finding my bearings but enjoying every minute of the memories x



## Whit Walks

**Kevin Fudge Foran** just down from new royal on  
otherside of road

**Flo Rowland Meakin** Thanks Kevin new royal was my  
local many moons ago

**Sharon Smith** My parents owned 2nd hand furniture  
shops on mill Street amd Ashton old Road had stall on  
grey mare lane market

**Mary Howarth** Does anyone remember Maureen  
Murphy She used to go in there. I think she married the  
Landlords son?

**Hilda Hancock** Mary.. if your friends husband was  
named Roy, I do remember Maureen .

**Sandra Ann Missenden** This is me walking for  
platchurch I have a very early one but I can not find it

**Sue Ridgway** Aw lovely Sandra Ann Missenden



## Little Tykes

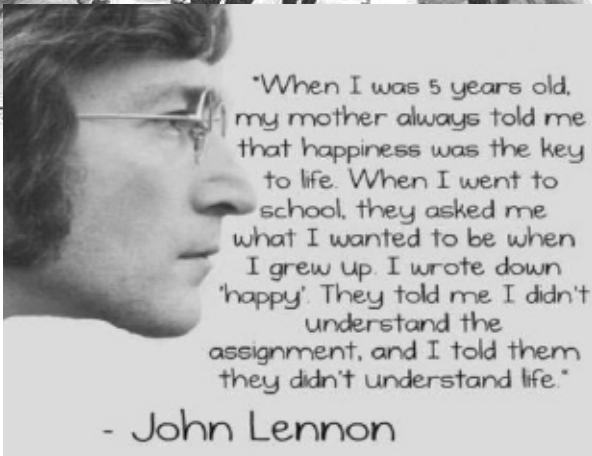
**Albert Duce** Posted two photographs comments below:

**Edith Robinson** I sure remember those days, I'm 67, everyone helped one another, also cared,.

**Patricia Coughlan** Look at those healthy filthy kids x.

**Sandra Ann Missenden** Little tykes

**Antony Broughton** Everyone enjoying themselves and using there imagination.



**Michelle Biesty** I love this photo! x



**Bill Bradburn** They were days in our lives when we just done anything, without even thinking of getting ourselves hurt. Proper kids in our day.xx

**Paul Thomas** great pic

**Michael Beirne** Jesus I used to do that alaays near bonfire night. Used to get loads of mattress' s then.lol  
Classic

**Bill Bradburn** We the kids from those days did everything ,now, where todays youth would give a wide berth.xx

**Albert Due** What fun we had as kids hey !!!!!!

**Row Cardew** How much pocket money did you get and what did you spend it on?

8 people like this. comments 51

**Trish Flynn Waters** I use to get sixpence and bought chocolate mice and fruit salads and black jacks on the way to school fab days they were or save up for swimming at high street baths or skating at birch park skating rink ha.

**Anita Beatrice Watson** Didn't get any!

**Laura Carroll** I had a paper round then when i got older i worked on longsight market loved it.

**Row Cardew** Ah Anita :-(

**Anita Beatrice Watson** Anyone remember the Chinese Laundry.

**Vinny Holt** 1/3d on lucky bags and football cards :0)  
11 May at 00:28 • Like • 2

**Anita Beatrice Watson** Did a paper round when I was 15 and babysat for my mums friend she had 4 children still can remember their names.. Hello David, Gaynor, Gary he was Down Syndrome and Christian. They were 7 6 5 and 3...called Chapmen

**Steven Graham** 1 and eleven. Dad was to tight to give me 2 bob!

**Ay'mee Nichelle** I used to get 5 pound a week. Which I bought underwear with from Ethal Austin's.. Felt so grown up!

**Chris Oconnor** I nicked dads dosh when he had been out on the raz just the change lol.

**Steven Graham** Mmmmm know my son?

**Jane Huxley** Think it started off at sixpence a week, it went up each birthday! Probably spent it on sweets or

## Pocket Money

saving up to buy Xmas presents for my family! Aaaw-ww! I did have a Saturday job when I was 16 in the Scout and Guide shop in Manchester, earned £1 and 19 shillings a day, thought I was rich!

**Gary Hodson-ridgway** I was one of twelve. We didn't get a penny.

**Row Cardew** Ah that's sad Gary! Bet you had a lot of laughs together tho!

**Ali N Gareth Roberts** We got badge money - prefect, swimming awards, Used to get Bunty & Judy comics!!

**Teresa Campbell** I got 6d. Spent it on mint imperials. When I got older I got a 12d, and bought Bunty & Jackie



**Jane Huxley** Oh yes Bounty and Judy comics, that's also where my pocket money went!

**Row Cardew** I got 1/6d and spent it on those packs of bubble gum with 3 Beatles cards! Hated the gum  
11 May at 01:17 • Like • 3

**Pamela Porter** threepenny bit , then sixpence, woood  
woooo , I love this site , bringing back sooooo many  
good memories xxx

**Hazel Mayer** 2/6d bought lucky bag and sat matinee at  
pictures

**Catherine Gilluley Ruiz** Not much - usually lipstick x

**Audrey West** Sixpence , then it increased on birthdays. .  
Had a paper round when 10 years old, which paid about  
one shilling and sixpence, had to save some of that.

Bought a pair of nylons which had to last you months.

**Tommy Atherton** I got 10p for doin next doors shoppin  
on a Saturday

**Chris Garry** 10p used to get a 10p mix up but wasnt  
allowed bubble gum, used to get 2p off Paddy a neigh-  
bour for going to the shop to get his Park Drive ciggies!!

**Lisa Schaffer** None, but easy to get a job even at 12yrs,  
worked long hrs as a Saturday girl in a cake shop, all the  
favorites Manchester tart, truffles good days

**Les Davis** I don't really remember getting spends ,  
always worked from being 10 , helping the milkman ,  
then paper round when i got to 13 , then started work at  
16 , please don;t let the younger generation see this post,  
they might die of shock , lol

**Janet Francis** 2s 6d and I went to the Saturday  
matinee at the Curzon & that money got me on the bus  
in the pics sweets ice cream & I still had some left over  
cheapaschips.

**Jean Taun** I would get a shilling from my parents and  
also a sixpence from grandparents which I had to save.  
Would buy a sixpenny post office savings stamp and save  
up for Christmas with this. I had little jobs to do around

the house for my spends.

**Freda Hill** 2s 6d, spent on crisps (with the blue bag of salt), sweets (pink prawns and liquorice sticks with sherbert in) and Sat matinees.

**Zahira Muhammad** Threepence all on sweeys

**Row Cardew** No worries there Lee! They won't be up for hours!

**Jayce Shell** Around 1965 I got 2/6 and Jackie magazine off my dad and 2/- off my mum. It went on postage stamps mainly to USA pen-pals.

How daft was that ? LOL

**Row Cardew Janet Francis**, I went to Saturday matinees at the Curzon sometimes. Felt so grown up. When I was a bit older went to dances and concerts at the Princess Rooms next door

**Mel West** Half a crown, and it was called our "spends". I had to buy a Post Office savings stamp- the ones with Prince Charles, and Princess Anne on them. I used to save up to buy presents!!! Also bought a magazine or a comic, and sweets. A palm bar, or penny chews.....!

**Jayce Shell Mel West** forgot about palm bars.were they like penny arrow bars , but just caramel flavoured ?

**Karen Robb** 2/6 went up to 5 bob when I was 15. loved visiting the family as I always made a profit!" Mine went on 5 Woodbines/Park drive to go watch the footy on a Sat.

**Mel West** Yes Joyce they were! Stuck round all your teeth!

**Ann Johnston** I got a threepenny bit and I used to get sweets and massive snakes and arrow bars x

**Billy Morse** Pocket money?We didn't even have pockets

**Angela Dix** we all got a threepenny bit on sunday morning after we had all done are jobs, cleaning,and a one penny monday to friday for school.

**Mags Cummings** I used to get a shilling when I got older and did a paper round for seven and six a week ... sometimes also got commission for collecting the money.

**Barbara Watson** half a crown per week.

**Katherine Rice** 9 pence in old money....sixpence for the sat matinee and threepence to spend ....halcyon days .

**Kevin Spencer** I got 3d in old money and more later, god bless dad.

**Freda Hill** Hahaha Billy Morse!

**Wendy Moore** That's so you couldn't walk round with your hands in your pockets keeping them warm billy boy

**Albert Due** Never got any, 10 of us kids in our family, but we never went short of anything!

**Row Cardew** Bet you had some laughs Albert!

## THE LITTLE EARNERS

■ Good behaviour	.....43%
■ Household chores	.....37%
■ Helping with family pet	.19%
■ Doing homework	.....18%
■ Reward chart	.....15%
■ Good school grades	.....14%
■ Don't earn it	.....17%



## The Parlour

**Malcolm Morton** My Nan had a parlour , which was basically a room that nobody was allowed to sit in. Complete with a piano and loads of china ornaments. 51 people like this.

**Gail Duff Mine** was the same ,when we wanted to play the piano, I remember my grandad put a sheet in to deafen the noise from the keys lol.

**Chris Speed** My grandad knocked his through so it was a big living/dining room.

**Carole Best** Yep the front room all poshed up.

**Lorraine McCloskey** I still have a palour.

**Judy Nicholls** We had a sitting room.

**Lynn Finnigan** I remember mine was in the front room (parlour) with pianola, horse hair stuffed settee, and every New Year day going and peddling the pianola singing songs loved it.

**Anita Beatrice Watson** Same here only for when friends came around. It was locked with a padlock of which I used to pick to go in and listen to records on the radiogram the 7in singles

**Janet Jordan** we had sunday tea in ours.

**Sheila Noone-Horne** We had a parlor, it was a tv room. My dad had his special chair and if we wanted to sit in there and watch tv with him we did it in silence, we weren't allowed to talk or we hsd to get out of the room. Wot a meany.

**Jossie Rotthier** My mum still has a front room, but the t.v is in the living room, so hardly anyone sits in there as beautiful as it is hahax.

**Sue Austin** when we lived in moss side in the early sixties my gran had a parlour and a scullery ( kitchen )

## The Parlour

when she moved to Withington and us to Wythenshawe we had to learn to call the scullery the kitchen we also had an attic and a cellar where the coal man us...See More

**Anita Gray** did she have a sideboard in there, with carnation milk and tins of peaches?

**Anita Beatrice Watson** Hmmm!!! loved peaches and carnation milk..

**Ann Weekes** We had a parlour, was never allowed in it and before visitors come we would carry hot coal from our room into the parlour.

**Karen Hennessy** The front room lol For visitors and Christmas !

**Karen Hennessy** Lol she kept it her whole life, when I had children every time we went there they were intrigued about this 'special' room

Used to catch them peeping around the door

Oh and people were waked in there too, forgot about that, All stood around a coffin.

**Enid Cartlidge** Our house was a two up two down so there wasn't room for a parlour. The houses on the other side of the street had parlours and inside loos. How lucky I always thought they were.

**Ghazala Ali** We were only allowed to go in on sundays if we had visitors and that was only to go in and tidy up after them.

**Margaret Cars** Yes ours had a piano in it, and the only time it was used was on a bath night, when mum use to pull the tin bath out, or she would pay people she owed from this room.

**Simone Howe**

Does anyone remember the Rag and Bone Man?

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**Pam Dring-hunter** I do they would gave you a gold fish in a bag if you gave something they where bril

**Simone Howe** I moved into a flat of my own a couple of years ago and spent £15 to get the council to move a load of unwanted furniture. Lo and behold, the morning after I see a Rag and Bone Man riding down the street!!! Cheers mate!

**Stephen Knowles** I remember my Dad doing some work for the landlord of a hotel on Ardwick Green he was working in the cellar and was admiring a rifle on the wall, landlord said he could have it turns out it was a Martini Enfield, the ones used in the film Zulu, a few years later my younger brother gave it to a rag and bone man in exchange for a few balloons

**Terence Devaney** Oh yes

**Tracy Davies** Ricky the rag and bone from old trafford

**Frances Christie** They only gave us either a bundle of wood to make the fire or a stone to do the step - obviously going back a bit!

**Dorothy Pierpoint** we got a donkey-stone off the rag and bone man to clean the steps with, and i had to do them every Saturday.

**Irene Hannon** Yes I do. I remember when I got a little yellow chick for a bunch of rags .....

**June Partington** Can remember mum giving old stuff to rag and bone man and getting donkey stone to rub on the steps

## Rag & Bone Man

**Joy Sheen** I remember him wearing a jacket that my dad threw out for years!!

**June Radford** Oh yes

**Josephine Bayley** A load of old clothes got u some coppers x.

**Marie Henry** yes

**Debbie Avery Harmer** Oh yes, we got sweets or a balloon!

**Marion Walsh** oh yes! bundles of firewood, donkey stone and a balloon if you were lucky.

**Maggie Hodgin** Yes we used to hope mum didn't want a step stone and we could have a balloon...

**Linda Mercer** My Great grandfather was a rag n bone man.

**Diane Rudkin** Yes,,,

**Marie Dowling Lavin** Will never forget him calling raaaaaagggg n bonnnnnne n the coal man

**Row Cardew** Remember all the kids chasing after him, mimicing his calls!

**Kath Scott** Yes Mum used to send us out with some rags for donkey stones!!!!

**Steven Graham** Or the Coop milk man being taken back to the dairy by the horse when "full as a bucket" on a Friday.

**Carol Hilton Chadwick** Yes I remember the Dog & Bone Man....Always wanted a Balloon and always got a Donkey Stone (Think that is what they were called).

**Peter Leek** Any rag bone ?

**Maggie Davies** I do use to donkey stones of him for the step.

## Short Story

The following is an extract from my autobiography

My Christmas present was a clockwork train my dad bought me; it consisted of a circular track, an engine and some wagons. All it did was go round and round in circles, but to me it was still fantastic. At least it went in the opposite direction to the goldfish, a present from the rag and bone man. He would arrive with his horse and cart shouting “Any old Iron” followed by “any old mangle handles”. Don’t ask me why. Joe was from gipsy stock, a big hard-looking man. He wore mismatched jackets, shirts, and trousers. He always had about an 1/8th of an inch of cigarette stuck permanently on his lip. Wearing his flat oily cap, a scruffy old muffler round his neck, and three days growth and a slight limp from a war wound, he certainly looked the part. He was popular with the gardening fraternity who would follow the horse to use the manure on their rhubarb. With a very long rein on the pony he used to sit on the back of the trap with his legs swinging. The pony had got cheesed off at being pulled from side to side by the bit in its mouth as it responded to his shouts and calls to turn left and right. The reins were covered in small bells and a loud jingling sound accompanied the clip-clop of the pony’s hooves. He could be smelt some distance away probably due to the bag of bones he had on his cart. It was during the school holidays when no one was at home that I gave Joe some old clothes, and in return I received a goldfish. The goldfish had to have a name, so in a sudden bolt of inspiration I named him or her Goldie. It was after about a month when out of the blue he jumped out of his bowl onto my dad’s Sporting Chronicle, making a wet mark

## Short Story

over the runners in the 2:30 at Newmarket. My dad carefully put him back, and noticed a horse called Goldie Boy in the 2:30. This had to be divine intervention.

“Dot, go around to the bookies and put a bet on.”

My Mum’s name was Dorothy but dad always called her Dot.

Picking up his Indelible Ink pencil and wetting the end on his tongue, he duly wrote out the bet. My dad often sucked on Rennies to help with his indigestion. This produced a sort of white deposit around his mouth, so along with a purple tongue, I am sure anyone visiting would find it a little odd. Bet placed, we listened intently to the radio, at the same time looking at the goldfish in its bowl. The announcer certainly seemed to take his time, but at last the racing results. “and the winner of the 2:30 at Newmarket... Goldie Boy 8-1 with the favourite Blue Lagoon coming second followed by.....” We had won! It was going to be ant eggs all around. I could see my father looking at the goldfish bowl and I was just hoping he was not trying to devise a way to get the goldfish to jump out of its bowl again. My dad said, with a look of contentment in his eye,” Dot, when Joe comes around give him the old rusty bike in the yard. One good turn deserves another.” Goldie lived for ages after his sporting ordeal, and retired from the field of acrobatics. What became of our rag and bone man, Mr Joseph Nolan. He was still in operation in the early 80s. His horse and cart were stabled in Borough Road, Seacombe.

Extract from: **Sixteen Decades in Wallasy**  
by Roy Dutton

## Swimming

**Brian Howard** Back in the day people didn't say they were going swimming... they said they were going to the baths, for me that was Victoria Baths on Hathersage Road, we would spend hours in there, only going home when wrinkly, cold and hungry, then sometimes we would go back again later the same day!

I also visited Levvy Baths (Levenshulme) and Gorton near Belle Vue, all of which were grand old Victorian buildings.

Once, we went to the ultra modern Sharston Baths with it's glass front and diving boards... ooh it was posh!

Just interested to know if anyone else had happy memories of going to the baths.

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**Evelyn Cheyne** There used to be a tramp with a little black and brown dog that used to chat my nana up lol aw but his dog was cute, this was along Plymouth grove my nan was too polite to tell him where to go.

**Joyce Tuite** No i never saw him ,,

**Chris Wise** All of those bar levvy Brian. School lessons at Gorton, many a school holiday at Vicky, and Sharston for the hell of it and the diving board.

**Evelyn Cheyne** He was actually very polite with his little dog being a kid I was very embarrassed lol

**Brian Howard** We're going off at a tangent here... I'll post a photo of the shops tomorrow and start another topic, don't want to bore people who contributed to the 'baths' topic

**Brian Howard** Chris... The diving boards, woo, hoo, what a treat!

**Muriel Rainger** I learn't to swim at Barmouth st baths

## Swimming

Bradford in my first year at Gresham st secondary 1955, after getting my free pass I would go sometimes twice a day in the holidays within 12 months I was going to Ancoats hospital having treatment for more than ...See More **Maureen Willoughby Row** Uve made me laugh....my boys laugh at me on holiday wen i plead with excited kids in pool on holiday not to splash me!!, Was delighted wen my three boys were strong swimmers and cud go off on slides or whatever they wanted with their dad leaving me in peace, with a book, sunbathing.

**Chris Wise** And the Galleon in Didsbury, rarely had the weather to truely enjoy it tho. I remember the Norweb being built but not what was there before, my brother's mate lived on Bax (?) Rd that ran along the side of Victoria Baths. Always have find memories of the snack bar in the basement

**Brian Howard** Chris, could it have been Carmoor Rd? Lynn Williams i went to barmoth street baths with me auntie but i was just a tot

**Susan Walsh** Barmouth St in Bradford, Then Hathersage Rd with secondary school.

**Teresa Campbell** Went to Levvy Baths with school, and usually Levvy during the holidays, but occasionally Hathersage Rd

**Gwen Reeve** High street baths, went with school, st joe's, and then most weekends and holidays. I was never a good swimmer but enjoyed the fun, I can remember the echo of all us kids talking and generally making a hell of a noise. My favourite bit was in the cafe downstairs, cup of soup and a piece of toast x



## Swimming

**Kathryn Weir** We went to Stretford baths, very strict lady in charge there we wore coloured bands so you could only stay in your allotted time. The changing 'rooms' were all around the pool with half doors so you could see what everybody was doing. It was a real Victorian building.

**Jayne Brighty** withington baths with the school n now my lil man goes to moss side baths with his year 4 class

**Row Cardew Kathryn**, that strict lady was probably Mrs Clegg! I wrote post about her last night.

You'll prob recognise her!

**Kathryn Weir** I will have a look, she is somebody you don't forget that is for sure. Have they knocked the building down in Stretford. Last time I was home I noticed that the Essaldo (spelling) cinema was still standing a right eye sore. I remember the old King Street before they built the precinct.

**Monica Grzesk** Used to go to Harpurhey baths most Saturdays mornings, with some good friends. The front of the building is still there. But the actual baths have been gone about 8 years. It's all part of the 6th form college now. Happy times!

**Christine Brockley** Hyde Baths for me, I use to love going there. With Sarsaparilla from Fitzpatrick's Herbalist shop in Hyde on the way home

**Mary Greer** Loved Hathersage Road Baths

**Alan Walley** Remember " the blue lagoon " in heaton Mersey I think !!!!

**Lee John Hadfield** Remember Victoria baths and Broadfield baths in moss side then we went to moss side leisure centre on moss lane..was fantastic

## Fireplace

**Stephen Dunn** After Dad died in 1965, we moved into 112 Parker St in Bradford and one of these fireplaces was still there! My Nanna came round to show Mam how to light it and how to use the oven (using the sliding dampers). She made muffins in it and we used to keep a kettle on it. My sister Janice used to clean it with black grate polish (think it was called Zebrite). The house still had gas lighting with the little cloth mantles, which we still used for a short while until the electric got installed. Happy days but was so glad when we got the electric.



**Caroline Maguire** My gran had one she lived at Hinkley St Beswick, she moved out of her 3 storey terrace about 1980 she was the last person on the St to be moved out the fire grate and oven were still in use up to her moving out I know some people from a museum came to take some photo's it was in excellent condition she used to cook steak and onions and lovely rice pudding with the skin on.

## Dolls Hospital

**Janet Olivia Cox** 87 likes 51 comments

I cannot believe it...I have finally found a picture of The Dolls Hospital on London Road....not the best picture, but the only one I have ever seen.

This was 1957...I think it must have taken on the rooms



above eventually because I remember going upstairs.

Wow...am thrilled to have found it.

**Sue Noble** well done xxx

**Janet Olivia Cox** I can uncross my eyes now!

I saw Gaynors picture of Mazels Radio shop and wanted to see a close up so went searching for that on London Road, then realizing that most of London Road had been snapped, I found a snap that was taken from Ducie Street looking across London Road and low and behold, there it was. Been in there once when I was 5 found it very spooky scared me to death hahahaah

**Pete Smith** Always remember hearing of this as a youngster!

## Dolls Hospital

Never saw it though! It was famous or at least very well known

**Dorothea Forshaw Brill.**

**Janet Olivia Cox** It was really scary in there. All those eyes and heads everywhere. The Hospital itself is mentioned many times in historical accounts but this is the only picture I have ever found. Lots of the Pub but they never went far enough!! gotcha!!

**Hilda Little** Great pic .well done finding it.

**Toni Hunter** Wow thank you well done. i have tried lots of sites.

**Debbie Thompson** Thus was Peter Higgins dolls hospital my dad's friend. I've just found out haha x

**Michael Carr** I remember seeing this on the past going to Mazels.

**Hazel Mayer** London road holds a special place for me, hours in the record shop Mazel records with dad:) Plenty of photos in the Manchester archive on line.

**Catherine Gilluley Ruiz** My doll went there a few times

**Margaret Gibbons** I remember going up those stairs with my dad to get Karen's eye fixed (Karen was my doll)

**Pamela Lennon** Been here with Bella! Not my dog now, my doll 50 years ago ! Remember Julie cavanagh ?

**Doreen Wilson Dargan** Wonderful

**Helen L Thickett** worth the wait Janet.

**Mary Greer** I thought the dolls hospital was up the road from this picture going towards Piccadilly, just on the next block same side as the photo and was next to an Army & Navy Stores!

**Carole Higham** I also think it was further up towards

## Dolls Hospital

Piccadilly, remember there being a red cross on white background protruding from the wall, quite high up. x  
**Wyn Burton** Seem to remember it was upstairs but don't know what was downstairs.

**Christine Pickles** I was only three but honestly this has brought so many memories for me and I do remember my dolly in a little blanket because she broke her arm.. Mr Higgins fixed it for me...

**Della Maher** That reminds me of a doll my mom got me at a jumble sale, they couldn't fix it for me there. Years later I was in Chelsea London and there was a antique dolls shop with a big sign in the window, saying we buy old dolls. So I went home got my old doll w...See More Sue Noble wow brill Della xx.

**Della Maher** That was the day Vedal Sassoon cut my hair Sue...hahah I went all out..

**Sue Noble** hahhaah good for you babe xxxx

**Kristine Prescott** I took my walking talking doll for a new wig and new paint on her fingers and toes she was beautiful when I got her back.

**Julie Schilling Howarth** Oh wow !! what a brill pic, so remember that row of shops, took my tiny tears to the dolls hospital.

**Kate Lieb-Fisher** great pic I took my doll there twice they fixed her I still have the doll nearly 50 plus year later she need to go back for some work.

**Chris Callaghan** Were there two doll's hospital? I've seen a 1930s photo somewhere of one that looked different. I'll put it on later if I can find it.

## Outside Lav.

**David Berry** Any body remember the outside lavvie in the back yard, and being asked to bring back a shovel of coal if going out for a wee., in all weathers and ripping up old newspapers and threading them on string to hang behind the lavvie door for toilet paper!

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**Trish Flynn Waters** I must have been posh I was born in 1945 and had brothers and sisters all lived in a house with a bathroom wasn't we lucky all my friends thought we were posh with a bathroom.

**Dave Campbell** Also remember being sent out in winter to bring in the washing from back yard. All the clothes/towels etc stiff as boards from the frost.

**Alan Walley** Sat and whistled while on toilet!!!!

**Rebecca Phillips** My mum used to do that xxx

**Janet Francis** OMG yes I do I even remember my brother nicking a fairy light off the big Xmas tree near Barton Road Stretford and using it in the lavvie!!!

Lol happydays.

**Mike Green** Having to use a night light candle to stop the pipes from freezing and bursting.

**Anne Conway Burke** yeah i remember that mike.

**Alan Walley** " lzal toilet paper " for posh people!!!

**Janet Francis** Yeah Alan but it was rubbish wasn't it !!!!

**Mike Green** It was good as tracing paper.

**Janet Francis** Ha ha ha yes Mike I forgot about that one

**Kathleen Donnelly Hampshire** I remember putting newspapers on the table ready fore tea ..lol

**Albert Due** Proper toilet paper ha ha.

**Patricia Harrison** me too lol and putting a parafin heater in there to stop it freezing in winter.

**Carole Higham** We were only half posh, had the Izal but no inside toilet or bathroom !

**Rene'e McCormick** I remember it Well lol.

**Joan Davis** Yeah I do and it used to freeze !

**Sue Derbyshire** Ohh yeah I remember and dodging spiders!!!

**Rebecca Phillips** We don't realise how lucky we are now. Xxx

**Kathryn Elizabeth Redden** And what about the old tin bath?

**Barbara Stockham** Oh yes David Berry, night time and winter was the worse. As a young child use to freak me out, mum use to stand on the step till I was done. Xxxx

**Joan Davis** Two up and two down houses with Jack Frost inside your house as we'll as on the outside. But we survived.

**Barbara Stockham** We weren't ill either Joan Davis, apart from the run of the mill stuff. X

**Sue Kennion** My husband as a little boy threw darts in the family bath as it hung on the backyard wall, I don't have to tell you what happened on bath night ha. ha.

**Joan Davis** That's right Barbara

**Mimi Weaver** Oh yes with frost on the inside of the windows. We were a hardy lot back then.

**Joan Davis** Yeah we didn't have fur lined coats or anything.

**Barbara Stockham** Liberty bodice with those really difficult covered buttons Joan Davis. Xx

**Joan Davis** I remember the liberty bodice but my sisters and me never wore them x.

## Outside Lav.

**Susan Padgham** Sounds just like my family when we lived in salford and bringing the tin bath in so we all had a bath in front of fire.

**Colin Wickham** Remember it well, daily sketch in loo. Long journey at night. How things change.

**Alan Walley** Used to wrap up newspaper and stick them in the gaps round window frame, the old sash windows in those days !!!!!!!

**Wendy Jane Power** I remember the outside toilet. At night time we had potties under the bed so didn't have to go out in cold.

**James Shelton** YES MY MUM HAD A OUTSIDE LAVVIE IN OLD LANE HIGHER OPENSHAW

**Sue Derbyshire** Aww Wendy we had buckets  
Btw it had a lid on

**Ivor Mckay** Kendal St , Bradford . Manchester. Outside lav it was called the avalanche, and the wooden seat had a split in it which nipped your arse when you stood up!!!!

**Dorothea Forshaw** I remember it well and the candle blowing out and you couldnt flush it because it was frozen up.

**Ivor Mckay** Forgot about that. Having to go back out with a pan of water to try and flush it.

**Steven Graham** Yup but it was white washing it that got me every time.

**Mags Cummings** We had an inside toilet but my auntie had an outside one, I thought it was exciting. Blooming cold in winter mind you!

**Lisa Rockett** Was Jones. We had outside toilet at my grand and our house, lived Walter street abbey hey. Use to hate it at night was scared if dark lol , also had coal



fire and hated that in the rain .

**Lisa Rockett** Was Jones Why did they always have a gap at the top & the bottom of the doors ? Bloody freezing x

**Dylis Proctor** Yes

**Catherine Gilluley Ruiz** Scared me to death cxx

**Jayce Shell** My dad used to hang one of these inside over winter to stop the pipes freezing up and bursting the lead !!!

**Dave Campbell** Can always remember my dad, daily paper under his arm, walking down the yard. I wondered what took him so long until I was older & realised it was his bolt hole for some peace & quiet.

**Angela Dix** and the candel in the winter to stop pipes freezing remember it all well.

**Avril Goldfinch** and the old saying 'have you warmed the seat up'

**Hazel Bernard** gosh yes ,when I think of all those pieces of newspaper hanging there & we had an inside toilet but my Grans was outside

**Dorothea Forshaw** And all the incey wincey spiders, just didnt want to stay long.

**Anthony Armistead** I remember only too well

**Deborah Joynson** No. We lived in a house with an inside bathroom!

**Elaine Hardy** I remember. The tin bath u got in one by one and always dad first.

**Roslyn At Abracadabra** Yes I remember those where the days, I would go back tomorrow. Remember feeling our way to the toilet in the dark xx

**Kathleen Holsten Sarson** We had a bathroom and toilet upstairs - spoilt brat I was lol

## Tripe

**Robert Wallace** Just watching a programme on the TV about the history of tripe, brought back memories of the UCP tripe shops. Our nearest was on Oldham Road opposite Thorpe Road.

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**Sandra Worrall** I remember going there for pigs trotters for my granddad. Never tried them but i did like tripe. I lived on crowbank street, used to be cross street.

**Margaret Perkins** Ours was further down Oldham Rd nearly next to Blooms, manufacturers (of what I don't know lol)

**Sandra Worrall** I think i know that one, if not mistaken a great aunty had it for a while

**Margaret Perkins** It was just a house really with a counter in the hallway or so it seemed. We had the green grocers just further along the row next to the sweet shop

**Robert Wallace Blooms** I believe it was a clothing manufacturer.

**Margaret Perkins** More than likely, I seem to remember that ladies who worked there were machinists

**Robert Wallace** Just a little further down Oldham Road before Hulme Hall Lane, my aunty owned a temperance bar. Temperance bars sold only non alcoholic drinks like sarspirella and dandelion & burdock

**Margaret Perkins** I remember that shop Robert, our Drs. Dr Chadwick and Royce were just before those shops started

**Robert Wallace** Our family doctors too for many years. I started work just round the corner on Hulme Hall Lane at West's Gas Improvements company.

**Dorothea Forshaw** Ooooh love honey comb tripe raw

## Tripe

with plenty of vinegar, chips and a tomato..x

**Sandra Worrall** was there a machinist factory near Edwards butchers near hulm hall lane, my mum worked there as a checker, and we used to go to the pictures there was it the playhouse

**Robert Wallace** Probably Blooms on Oldham Road which was just round the corner from Louis Edwards butchers which was on New Street

The cinema was the Playhouse on the corner of Oldham Road and Queens Road.

**Graham Diggle** There was a UCP on Moston lane but never tried the tripe.

**Cath Smith** I remember the 1 in Town on Market st, going down on the left I think, b4 it was pedestrianised.

**Karen Jean Orman** My dad used to send me to the tripe factory near greymare lane market with a peg on my nose I was 8yrs old xx

**Margaret Perkins** Didn't know there was a tripe factory round there, is that why the streets were called Tripe Colony ?

**Karen Jean Orman** Yes a lot of tripe workers lived there we lived at 37 Windermere st xx

**Robert Wallace** I believe (not sure though) that the houses on the colony were built by the tripe factory for the workers.

**Dave Harding** Uhh .....reminded me of tripe and onions every Friday....my idea of heaven (not).

**Sharon Smith** My mum loved tripe an onions from Phillips butchers on mill Street Bradford. Also black tripe and duck egg!

**Marion Walsh** There used to be a ucp shop on gorton

## Tripe

market

**Jean Taylor** Whit lane UCP honeycomb tripe,pigs trotters,pigs belly and black puddind. Disgusting : ))

**Margaret Perkins** Used to love trotters, and cow heel, either raw or in a stew

**Steph Bradshaw** Still available Bury Market Margaret

**Margaret Perkins** I know but not sure wether I'd still like them !

**Steph Bradshaw** They might be offal - sorry couldn't resist. I've only had tripe once. Mustn't have really liked it but do like Black pudding.

**Margaret Perkins** I've never fancied black pudding

**John Carrington** UCP not heard than name in an age....

**Sheila Rhodes** My mam used to go to Jim cares on Oldham Road for hers.

**Anne Conway Burke** mine was on right near main road near the city ground lovely trip

The poem below taken from the internet,  
author unknown.

Remember those days of Azetec bars,  
Matchbox, Corgi and dinky cars,  
Four Feather Falls and Supercar,  
Collecting caterpillars in a jam jar,  
And summer holidays that were actually sunny,  
The Sunday School treat, that was a joy,  
Those glorious days when I was a boy.

## Jive

**Bob Jones** Did any of you girls Jive?

50 people like this.

**Wendy Tasker** I could but could never find a fella that could !



**Carole Higham** Wish  
I had her legs ! Xx

**Dorothea Forshaw** I  
use to love it.x

**Lois Fisher** loved it

**Joyce Hopkins** Just  
loved it..

**Joanna Morgan** My  
mam taught me x

**Dorothea Forshaw**  
I use to go to the  
bodega..

**StaceyNew Williams**  
there mine,!!

**Margaret Gain** Hated  
those nylons and  
suspenders though

**Lolli Richards** I can jive but when I go dancing I still  
wear a full circle skirt.. northern soul

**Moira Edge** awe Margaret,loved stockings and sussies  
so much healthier than horrid tights. xx

**Carol Reddock** Loved to jive.

**Susan Brown** I was not a bad jiver when i was younger  
Loved to jive, and nobody could stop me, oh happy  
days.

**Susan Brown** american tan,stocking'

**Jayne Shell** That girl is missing an aspirin from her

suspenders LOL

**Jayce Shell** And her dance partner is too gay to notice !

**Anne Mayer** I didn't but my older sis did... hope she didnt show her drawers like that, our Mam would have cracked her lol

**Catherine Gilluley Ruiz** Yes I did but never showed that much xxx

**Jane Introna** Yes but was that young it wouldn't av matter about my draws haha I afraid I was mams partner for practice lol x

**Alan Chesney** One thing they had nice legs in tham days

**Sheila Sapseid** Yes.. I loved to jive went all over to different dance halls. I used to go to one in Salford I can't remember the name but it was broughton area, good time's they were.

**Patricia Jason** Sure did and enjoyed it best time ever

**Jenny Allman** But of course Bob,! St Bernadette's princess club heaven and hell,alcazar spiders web twisted wheel oh and many more u wanna dance Bob ,

**Jennie Goldstone** Still do. It's called Ceroc

**Maggie Davies** Just loved to

**Dorothea Forshaw** Remember the tafferta shirts with the can can type thrills underneath.

**Terry Hilton** Bring back the jive if that main pics anything to go by lol .

**Hazel Bernard** didn't we dress nice though ,all girly & feminine ,in our stiletto heels ,you coud tell we were girls not like today I had to laugh about Susan Brown ,saying American tan stockings ,I bought them every week ,

**Tina Lee** oh yeh i di

**Renee Peters** great songs by them

## Jive

**Trevor Lyon** That reminds me. I must renew my subscription to “Bum Biters Weekly”!

**Marion Day** still do

**Lolli Richards** Oi Susan Brown whatcha doing here lol.

**Georgina Wood** Yep i sure did even tried to jive to jimmi hendrix at the new century hall when he was on there!!!

**Susan Brown** been on here couple months now lolli... what about you?

**Sharon Doran** Loved to jive

**Dylis Proctor** yes i did ha ha glad when tights came out

**Diane Clynes** No I’m too young!!!

**Maggie Davies** I did all time good old days

**Trevor Lyon** Tights? Sad at the demise of the “giggle” zone!

**Sue Noble** would loved to have danced like that but never could

**Dylis Proctor** First there was ball room jiving that my sister did but mine was rock n roll jiving regular visitor to the plaza Manchester

**Cath Gilbert** chicibets

**Sandra Ann Missenden** My friend and I practised all the time in front of the mirror it was a giant one the length of the fire place

**Elsie Fitzgerald** chorlton palaise and the plaza was my jiving ground loved it

**Barbara Irvine** finnegan’s at the 53 terminus great nights

**Sue Gleave** Always wanted to learn but theres no where does it

## Short Story - My Barber

A few more shops down and we eventually arrive at the male boudoir of Mr Snuffy Glover the proprietor of the Barber's Shop. Bill Glover's pole didn't turn round. His red and white helix just stayed static, a sign of the excitement that was to reveal itself on entry. The origin of the red and white barber pole is associated with the service of bloodletting and was historically a representation of bloody bandages wrapped around a pole. Sweeney Todd made meat pies of his customers; Snuffy just bored them. Bill was a man of infinite local knowledge; middle aged with black centre-parted brylcreemed hair. He had a distinctive voice that whistled through his teeth and bounced off the walls, which made his whispers audible to all and sundry. His announcement at the conclusion of each scalping- "Anything for the weekend Sir," made it all the more embarrassing. His sharp nose, the overall buttons he wore and central parting were all in line, as if a spirit level had been used. Unusually for a barber he was allergic to hair; his sentences were punctuated with short intakes of breath followed by periodic bursts of sniffing, with a longer sniff at the conclusion of his riveting dialogue. He had several leather straps attached to the back of the chair, to sharpen his cut-throat razor. Sweeping backwards and forwards a few times, the blade would be honed to perfection. Then with a flick of the wrist a small sliver of paper would fall to the floor, another couple of satisfied sniffs would follow, and all was ready for the customers shave. Another twenty or thirty sniffs and another satisfied closely shaven customer would hit the road. It was now my turn for a hair cut. Unfortunately



## Short Story

I was generally accompanied by my father, who would take charge of the proceedings. “Bill, give him a short back and sides” was the order before my backside even landed in the chair. My dad, being used to the standard army haircut, was not in the least invigorated by The Beatles’ mop top style which I was trying to copy, so the lot would be lopped off. It was not until later in life that I was lucky enough to escape the wrath of the clippers. Memories of basin-cuts and strange goings-on kept me as far away from that revolving red and white pole as possible.

Extract taken from: *Sixteen Decades in Wallasey*. by Roy Dutton. *Reminiscences of New Brighton & Liverpool*.



## Child Minder

**Gaynor Freelove**

A very young child minder



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**Ian Dunbar** That was the way of the world at the time though, Gaynor, trustworthy!x.

Yesterday at 19:15 · Like · 2



**Dorothea Forshaw** Thats what I did...

Yesterday at 19:16 · Like · 2

**We have disguised Zeus our extraterrestrial helper within the confines of this literary master piece. Can you locate him? If so email me via facebook with the page numbers that he appears on. The first five with the correct answer will receive a prize.**



**Norah Conley**

likes 134 comments 34

My father kept a copy of this poem, I think the writer was ,”Norah Conley “from Northenden.

We met and we we married,along time ago.

We worked long hours,and the wages were low.

No TV or bath or radio,and the times were hard .

Just a cold water tap,and a walk down the yard.

We had no holiday in Spain, no carpets on the floor .

We had coal on the fire ,and we didn't lock the door.

Our children arrived ,no pill in those days .

And we bought them all up with no state aid.

They were safe going out to play in the park

And old folk could go for a walk in the dark.

No Valium,no drugs,no LSD.

We cured all are ills with a nice cup of tea.

No vandal ,no mugging,we had nothing to rob,

We thought we were rich with a couple of bob.

People seemed happier in those far off days.

Kinder more thoughtful,in so many ways.

The knocker up and the paper boy would whistle and sing.

And a night at the pictures was our mad fling.

We all have our share of trouble and strife .

We just had to face em ,and say “that's life “

Now I'm alone ,I think back on those years.

Not of the bad times ,the heartaches the tears.

I remember the blessings,our home,our love,

And we shared em together

I thank God above

In memory of my lovely Dad xxxx

**Michael Carey** I am due to retire soon 12 April 65 can't believe where the years have gone I am also getting a massive pension. I do not feel 65 do I look 65? I would like to know what pensioners do with there time. I don't like bingo don't like bowls. Family not local i'm a widower what do I do after cleaning, cooking, ironing, doing garden etc etc I have a bus pass now but u cant use it at certain times can't go where I want... time restrictions . I'm young at heart 65 year old, can't do break dancing any more used to do line dancing in the house. I can defer pension for 12 months oh yes cheeky dwp love to know what us golden oldies as we are now called do in there time.I know mrs sandison shhsh.

**Margaret Gain** Join some clubs, go to lunchtime concerts, talks...anything that gets you out and about so you have some structure in your week. I belong to a singing group ( very energising) a writing group ( writing up my childhood memories) i have joined Ramblers ( sociable walking) and the rest of the time I garden, read and relax!

**Janet Olivia Cox** I am 3 years off 60 but I wont be able to retire until I am almost 70. Meanwhile the Government are trying to stop the cold weather payments,get rid of Govmt pensions in favour of private aswell as suspend the bus pass and lets face it at 70 who wants to do anything then? Am I looking forward to it... no, I dont see anything to look forward to.

**David Stringer** I retired last year - I honestly don't know how I found time to work.! Some people join U3A and have an absolute ball, not for me, but some obviously do enjoy it.

**Margaret Gain** I am three years off 70, Janet and reckon

I'm still up for most things. Don't think you'll be past it by then!!

**Janet Olivia Cox** Unfortunately I am already past it and I don't have a private pension to look forward to...they keep moving the goalposts away from me.

What is U3A?

**Alan DeeJay** Well if I were in your shoes I'd travel. Visit the distant family, take advantage of travel discounts, focus on a hobby I never had enough time for. I'd love to have more time to read.

**Frank Lawless** come to Australia for a year, it's good, if it gets too hot you just move to a cooler place... you can do anything here, it's a laugh being old. I would have hated it if I came here as a young man, but I love it as an oldie.

**Pete Smith** Don't worry Michael, if you have time on your hands AND a BIG pension, some woman will find YOU!

**Linda Kenyon** Try phoning local charity organisations they are always looking for volunteers even if it's only a couple of days a week it will give you a structure to your day. When my husband retired he became a volunteer with the coastguard organisation and after qualifying he now does a couple of watches a week and finds it very interesting.....keeps him from under my feet too! !!

**David Stringer** Janet Olivia Cox - Sorry, U3A stands for University of the 3rd Age. There are a raft of activities available, which costs peanuts. More info here:<http://www.u3a.org.uk/>

**Anthony Patricia Shard** You can use your Bus pass after 9.30 am That's the only restriction.

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**Janet Olivia Cox** David Stringer I checked out your link and it looks like it is for people who are more active than I am. I am of the 'long term sick' brigade and am mostly in the house. I would use the bus/tram/train if I could afford to but I cant. Twice a year I manage to get to North East to visit my girls and the grandchildren for the day. By the time I 'retire' and qualify for things available now, a lot of these things are being taken away so more than likely will not be available in 10 years time. Having to depend on what the Government gives me is difficult and does not allow for any pleasures...which is quite right....it merely stops me starving and living on the street. I do not expect it to give me any more than that. So retirement doesnt really mean much to me and it gets further away as they put up the retirement age again and again. I have another 11 years to go as it stands so dont qualify for any reduced costs unfortunately.

**Sylvia Mathieson** I love being retired - no clock watching, no putting up with work situations that used to wind me up and I can do what I want when I want, including spending time on here with all my Fb friends.

**Damian Bescoby** Skateboarding.....their's a park in the Northern Quarter and you can pick up all the tackle on ebay ...right money or if not you can hire it.

**Steve Livesey** Buy yourself a Harley Davidson mate and have FUN!!!! Summer's round the corner.

**Sandra Ann Missenden** Do you not drive Michael if you do there are lots of day trips my friends and I go all over we share the cost give your friends a call not good on your own get a dog you meet lots of people in the park to chat to and a dog is very good company

**Alan DeeJay** You could start a Facebook group called Manchester Memories where ninety percent of the posts don't involve memories of Manchester and then spend all day fending off spammers and refereeing race wars started by people that owned golliwogs.

**Doreen Wilson Dargan** Been retired 3 years now and I think it takes some time to adjust to not being ruled by the clock. Since we started school we've been ruled by it - no bad thing but now we have choices, we can if we want and if we don't want then that's our choice. Time to sit and read, listen to the wireless, take a bus ride. Take your time it's a big adjustment but we are free!

**Margaret Gain** Janet...concessions usually start at 60 so no need to wait till you are officially retired.

**Carole Higham** Cannot think of any concessions at 60 except prescriptions, my husband was 62 yesterday and only a received the free bus pass last month, which was the earliest he could claim it.

**Susan Owen** I took early retirement by choice 3 years ago aged 55. My husband same age has just joined me. Loving it!! As my husband says....it's very underrated !!! It's not what you do that counts but what you don't do! Don't:-

- 1.Sit in front of the telly... Get out!
2. leave your money to rot in the bank....spend it!!
3. Think anywhere is too far by plane.....Travel!!
4. Become an unpaid full time childminder for the family.... You've done your share!!
5. Think I can't do 'that'..... Try something new!,  
Life's what you make it xx

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**Yvonne Woolley** I love retirement and I hear my husband saying “how did I find the time to work” we both have different hobbies (it’s a must you do) I have my History group, gardening at our local station with some lovely people, Quiz’s, dancing and I said to my husband when he came to retire spend as much time on the golf course as you can while you can. Holidays are cheaper cos you can go next day, meals out and lots more things. Enjoy while you are fit. Long time dead.

**Janet Olivia Cox** I think you will find that discussions are already taking place to drop the bus concessions here in Manchester because they can no longer afford to cover them since the Govtment cuts...as I say that is under discussion. As for the trains, I have no idea what they intend doing? I have paid full fare since being 26 years, my health has deteriorated over the last 7 years and IF by the time I qualify I probably wont be fit enough to travel alone. Bugger innit???

**Yvonne Woolley** Look round your area, get a scooter and go to local things. You won’t need a bus pass then. It’s surprising how many friends you can make. Janet good luck x

**Sandra Carroll** Love retirement I quite agree with you Susan Owen I go to aquafit classes twice a week its great fun and keeps you supple and a great bunch of ladies too we have nights out every 3 mths or so xx

**Janet Olivia Cox** Get a scooter?? If I cannot afford bus fare how can I afford a scooter? I live quite a way from the village, usually a bus ride of about 4 stops. We have one shop, GP and Chemist close by and that is it! Nothing else for quite some way. There are no activities here,



this is why I rely on the buses so much but it is £4 for a day rider ticket which I get to visit my mother now and then. It's tricky when you live alone and live on a benefit. And no I do not get disability allowance I do not qualify. So funds are limited. It's easy saying retirement is great if you have a private pension and your own home possibly a car and even a partner. Not everyone is in that position. All these activities cost money except for gardening and benefits are almost half what a Govmt pension pays. I have my PC and TV..that's it really. Keeps me occupied. Benefits are not for holidays and socializing.

**Janet Olivia Cox** Susan Owen I dont understand your list of 'donts' .....I dont have any money in the bank, I dont have a passport and my children and their families live over 200miles away..so I dont childmind. I do watch TV sometimes, I do use the PC all the time, I do a bit of gardening, I do visit my mother about twice a month, I read and I look after my cat. That's it.

**Margaret Gain** Are there no social things going on in your village, Janet ? What about starting something? Advertising in the parish magazine or local shop for like minded people...


**Alan DeeJay** Whatever you do Michael, try not to spend your days wallowing in self-pity blaming everybody but yourself for your misfortunes.

**Janet Olivia Cox** Where I live is just houses...nothing else...oh and some fields. The village is about just over a mile away, and it is full of students, it is geared up for students with cafe bars and such like all over the main road. I cannot walk to the village very well, so I get a taxi sometimes if I have to go to the post office.

## Retirement

**Janet Olivia Cox** The local shop is a NISA store and I dont think anyone round here would be interested in anything. The majority of tenants here are Asian or from Iran or somewhere. They keep mainly to themselves. I am satisfied with my lot..I just wished I could hav...See More  
**Sandra Carroll** Don't forget 10 % of hairdressers for over 60s x

**Susan Owen** Sorry that your circumstances are not good Janet Olivia Cox but with all due respects my post was to Michael who stated he was not without cash and was young at heart! None of us know what's around the corner so we have to make the most of life. I hope your family and friends rally round to bring happiness to your life and vice versa xx

UK RETIREMENT AGE		Other countries 
Now	65	<b>FRANCE:</b> 60. Will be raised to 62 over the next eight years
2020	66	<b>ITALY:</b> Men 65, women 60
2028	67	<b>JAPAN:</b> 60. Being increased to 65, between 2001 and 2018
2030s	68	<b>NETHERLANDS:</b> 65. There are plans to increase to 67
2040s	69	<b>UNITED STATES:</b> 66 with plans to raise it to 67
2050s	70	

**UNFORGETTABLE by Brian Hamblett**

“Dad...dad....” I walked into the living room, football shorts, red United shirt, no badge...this was before the United logo was attached...and long black socks....boots and laces encased in mud were held in each hand.

“Shush...” the News of the World was on his lap and his eye’s were closed, he had his legs extended out and crossed. Radio 2 was playing on the radiogram behind him.

“What?” I looked around...what was so important I needed to be quiet? Why we’re his eyes locked shut? Did he have a headache?

“I love this song..” he loved every other song on this station, radio flippin mogadon if you ask me..give me Slade...Skweeze me...Pleeze Me...brilliant!

“Unforgettable, that’s what you are...” Nat began crooning.

“Yeah, but dad...” I whispered.

“Shuuuushhh...” both of us being deferential to Mr Cole...very quiet shushing from my still eyes closed father.

“Unforgettable, though near or far...” dad had a wonderfully relaxed facial expression.

“But, dad...it’ll only take a second.” I tip toed across to him, football boots in hand.

“Like a song of love, that clings to me, how the thought of you does things to me..” pitch perfect...’til dad made it a duet, wrong words...wrong notes...just wrong.

“Let me just listen to this son...” why he needed to be blind for it was beyond me.

“..never before...has someone been more...Unforgettble...”

in every way..” dad smiled broadly now...only because he actually knew the real words of the next chorus.

“...and forever more...that’s how you’ll stay..” I’ll give him due, he had the emotional side of the song, but his tonal values were making Nat squirm on his piano seat.

“Dad, I just need my bootlaces undoing...you can do that and listen to Mr King Cole at the same time.

“That’s why darling...” dad was pumping his volume up as he sang to drown me out. “..it’s incredible, that someone so unforgettable...thinks that I am...unforgettable too..”

“Has it finished now?”

“Unforgettable, in every way and forever more that’s how you’ll stay..” he was off again.

“Flaming ‘eck...how long is left?” mum walked in the living room from the stairs, hoover in hand, she stared at me.

“Get them boots out of here...ooooooh!!” dad had opened his eyes and jumped to his feet, grabbed mum as gently as a six foot two inch HGV driver can grasp a five foot two inch shop assistant and sang while he twirled her in an as yet unnamed dance...a fluffy pink slipper fell by the wayside. (mums..not dads!)

“That’s why darling...it’s incredible...”

“Brian, stoppit, I’m going dizzy...” she screeched over his warbling.

“...that someone so unforgettable...” he slowed slightly to let mums inner ear problem calm.

“...is anyone gonna help me with my laces?” I held up my boots above shoulder height now...staring at the pair about to become winners of ‘Strictly Gone Bonkers.’

## Unforgettable-Short Story

“..thinks that I am un...forrrr...gett..able....  
toooooooooooooooooo” he dipped her, she screamed, I shook  
my head, dad pulled her back up, she laughed, her hands  
on his chest...he kissed her...I shook my head a little  
more...Trumper went completely off his trolley...no one  
kissed or touched the woman that fed him...this house is  
a home for the mentally insane sometimes....warm,  
loving home...jackets fasten at the rear though.  
“Now, will someone please undo my laces so I can go  
out and play togga in the swing park?”

Members comments:

**Andrea Lyne** I believe this one is true x

**Brian Hamblett** ...as true as all my scribblings...though  
clearer in my memory bank tbh..lol. X

**Andrea Lyne** Ha ha, wish I could scribble that well x

**Brian Hamblett** There isn't any straight line though..  
lol...Ena then Nat...kite flying...5k words yesterday...500  
today...worried publisher will say...’what is it??’ when he  
reads it..haha...I dont know!!

**Judith Maher** I believe it too --- I remember scenes like  
that in our house too --- my mother protesting - put me  
down, put me down!

**Rose Medwell** aww that's a lovely memoir x

**Andrea Lyne** Ha ha. Judith...me too my Dad used to  
make me dance.....Skiffle.....don't think so.....loved it  
when it was me and Mum though.....remember when I  
had chicken pox and she danced me better with Elvis....  
Good times.

**Andrea Lyne** Don't get me started on his Ella Fitzgerald

**Judith Maher** Remember going to see Frank Ifield at the  
Palace --- the Shadows were on too.

## Unforgettable-Short Story

**Jennifer Clarke** you write so well, i just picture it all.  
very nostalgic

**Brian Hamblett** Thank you Jennifer Clarke, Rose Medwell, Andrea..Judy..and all that have said smashing things...cheers..xx

**Andrea Lyne** Smashing.....You can buy ma a jubbly....

**Brian Hamblett** Deal...lol..I'm having the blackcurrant one tho!

**Andrea Lyne** Good....I only like orange.....x

**Helen Anne Crosby** Brought back soooo many memories of my dad too x made my eyes water a little

**Stewart Neale** Mums fav Nat King Cole song was.."The little boy that santa claus forgot". Floods of tears every xmas lol. I still sing it now.

**June Swinburne** Wonderful stories, thanks Brian x

**Colette McManamon** Lovely story once again. Just thinking, did anyone stand on their dad's feet to dance with him? I loved doing that.

**Helen Anne Crosby** I was just about to comment about that Colette McManamon

**Mary Burke** Nearly missed this one lol thanks Brian , enjoyed that xx

**Brenda Millward Storan** Loved it

**Margaret Gain** Your little pieces are so evocative, Brian

**Gaynor Freelove** Reminded me so much of my dad,he too was a big Nat King Cole fan x

**Brian Hamblett** thanks Margaret...and you too Gay...it's all about memories...xx

**Sylvia Mathieson** Love all your anecdotes Brian - you should put them all together in a book (or have you already done that) I know I'd buy it.

**Moira Edge** What two words start with the same letter.  
i.e brown bread.... Christmas cracker.... cushion cover.

Likes 7 Comments 1,050

Lorraine Jones Love letters x

Sue Noble time traveler

Lorraine Jones Love life x

Maggie Pickett costa coffe

Louise Atkinson Christmas cake

Maggie Pickett ariba ariba

Lorraine Jones Willy Wonka x

Moira Edge yes we did it, you wonderful people, xxx

Louise Atkinson Whoop Whoop

Louise Atkinson Night Night

Sue Noble 1,000 8 yipeeeeeee im off to bed night all great  
fun thanks Moira xxxxx

Moira Edge off to bed now my lovley friends, love ya  
loads. xxx

Lorraine Jones Susie Susie Sitting in a Shoeshine  
Shop.....x

Louise Atkinson I couldnt do it every night though.xx

Alan Hawes our longest ever thread hope we dont get the  
moaning minnies hey thats another lol

Moira Edge what a lovely lot you are , thanks for your  
input , will do a new game tomorrow. xxx

Rochelle Berger Of course we are lovely... we are all on  
Manchester Memories aren't we... ??? xx

Lorraine Jones Really enjoyed it, thanks xx

Maggie Pickett not laffed like that in ages its been fun xx

Colin Rex Deering Butter Bean

Colin Rex Deering Bye Bye

Lorraine Jones NIght night xx

## Games

Sylvia Mathieson Dilly Daydream - ( late as usual - been watching TV and missed all the fun) x

Linda Shaw ta taa. lol

Marj Unsworth Monday morning.x

Kevin Spiller Boddingtons bitter

Kevin Spiller Miss Marple

Kevin Spiller Deanna Durbun

Kevin Spiller Doris day

Kevin Spiller Diana Dorrs

Kevin Spiller Karen Keating

Kevin Spiller Kathy Kirby

Jean Skitt Lettuce leaf !!

Tommy Kelly Saddle soap

June Woodcock mini mouse

Tommy Kelly monster munch

Annie Keogh Palmona Palace

Tommy Kelly pretty polly

Tommy Kelly cough candy

Tommy Kelly dolly dimple

Marie Henry baseball bat

Marie Henry roxy roller

Veronica Dolan Griffin Flip Flops

Freda Hill Mythering Minnie.

Gary Hulme Simple Simon

Debbie Quinn dippy dora

Janet Pollard Tic Tacs

Ann Redford Broken Biscuits

Ann Redford Red Roses

Ann Redford Woody Woodpecker





## Mancunian

**Andy Warren** Question... What dictates a Mancunian?

Someone born in Madchester?

Some who's lived a very long time in Madchester?

Or someone living in Madchester?

Like 25 comments 240

**David Stringer** Someone born in Manchester.

**Dave Campbell** I would say born

**Mel West** Yes of course! You have to be born in M/U

**Brian Burnett** definitely born in M/C

**Colin David Boutty** If a dog lives in a stable, does that mean it is a horse ? Of course not. It is someone born there.

**Dianne Froggatt** Born

**Lynn Delaney** Born in manchester .

**Rick John Cummings** Madchester is such a silly nickname

**Judy Nicholls** Were is Madchester?

**Linda Turner** Born & Bred

**Judy Nicholls** If the ruling is where you are born I'm a Lancastrian as they changed the counties and borders.

**Audrey West** Not Greater Manchester though , . It had to be within the Manchester Boundary.

**Caroline Altimeemy** Born with an M postcode?

**Andy Warren** 'Madchester' is just my sense of humour, if silly then I'm guilty as charged!

**Debbie Pocklington** Born and bred u know a manc they can't help smiling when u see a sign for Manchester after being away for a couple of days.

**Audrey West** No because postcodes with M can be Parts of Middleton come under Rochdsle so Births have to be registered in Rochdale. Very confusing

## Mancunian

**Caroline Altimeemy** I would still count them. Some of my most devout orthodox mancunian friends live all over the area. We are all from Mcr. It is all getting a bit serious this.....only meant to be a bit of fun.

**Chris Hyatt** If the address where you were born has Manchester in it that'll do for me.

**Lee Fannon** Also know as the centre of the universe

**Kath Holden** Born in Manchester

**Robert Finch** Post Codes hadn't been thought of when I was born in Crumpsall Hospital.

**Pauline Mannion Morgan** Must be born here to be a true manc!!

**Laney Spurrier** born

**Tina Hilton** Born in Manchester.

**Martin Oconnor** born lived worked...

**Trish Flynn Waters** All three ha x

**Russ Campbell** Born in Manchester !

**Audrey West** I have five children , one is a Mancunian and the others are Yonners.

**Terry Leather** Born within an area that has Manchester as it's council...From New Moston/Blackley to Wythenshawe.

**Laney Spurrier** yonners?

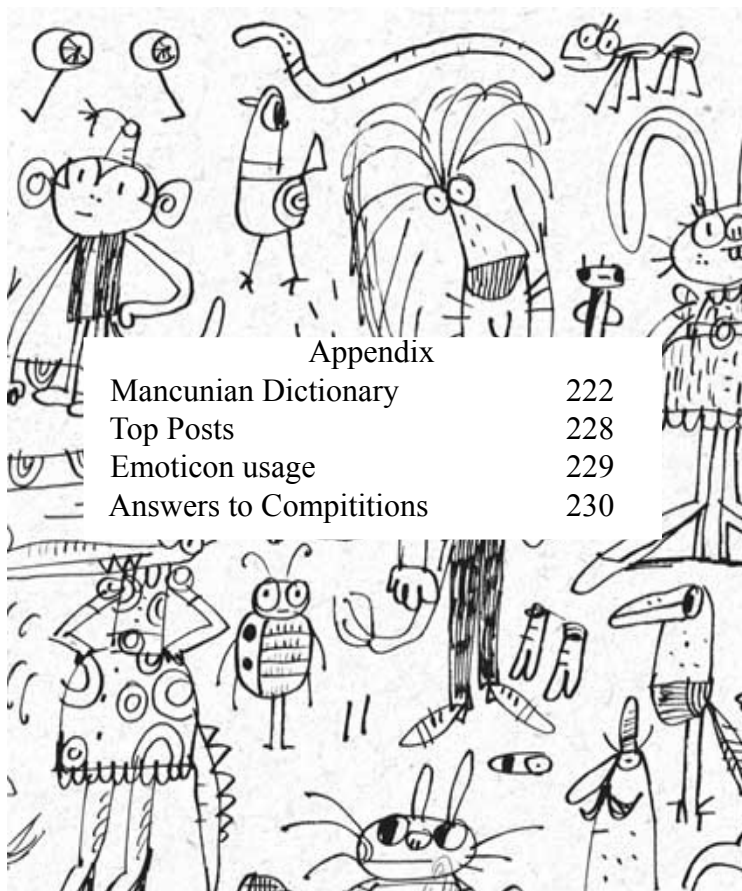
**John Carrington** All I know is I was born in Longsight, and now live in Moston so I guess I'm from Gunchester then.....lol

**Linda Bailey** What if your mancunian parents were on holiday in Spain when you were born, does that make you a Spaniard or a Manc?

**Alan Davies** No Linda a spanmanc lol

**Laney Spurrier** Spanish

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Some sample 11+ questions.

Are there a lot of virgins in the Virgin Islands?

What do batteries run on?

If corn oil is made from corn, what is baby oil made from?

If rabbits' feet are so lucky, then what happened to the rabbit?

## **Ilona Smith - Mancunian dictionary:**

The 50 top words and phrases that say you're a Manc

3 Jan 2014 16:00

We asked you for your top Manc words and sayings and here they are. Feel free to add any we've missed.

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### **Ilona Smith**

24 February

We had more than 600 responses via Facebook and Twitter - here's a selection of them:

Let us know any we've missed either in the comments or via Twitter and Facebook.

Words

**1. Teeth** - hard enamelled structures usually attached in a row to each jaw.

Manc saying: Newtons (Mancunian rhyming slang: Newton Heath = teeth)

Example: "Look at the state of his Newtons."

**2. Chewing gum** - a sweetened and flavored preparation for chewing

Manc saying: Chuddy or chud

Example: "Do you want a chuddy?"

**3. Bother** - trouble or aggravation

Manc saying: Mither

Example: "I can't be mithered with all this", or "I'm in a bit of mither."

**4. Thirsty** - in need of a drink

Manc saying: Gaggin'

Example: "I'm gaggin' for a drink."

**5. Socks** - a short stocking usually reaching to the calf or just above the ankle.

Manc saying: Salfords (Mancunian rhyming slang:

Salford Docks = Socks)

Example: "Pull your Salfords up."

**6. Very** - extremely

Manc saying: Dead

Example: "That exam was dead 'ard."

**7. Alley** - a passage through a continuous row of houses, permitting access from the street to backyards or garages.

Manc saying: Ginnel

Example: "He got away by running up that ginnel."

**8. Trousers** - outer garment covering each leg from the waist to the ankles.

Manc saying: Keks

Example: "Look at his jazzy keks"

**9. Excellent** - very good

Manc saying: Nice one/Top one

**10. To fix** - repair or mend

Manc saying: Fettled

Example: "I am taking my car in to get fettled.

**11. Great** - excellent, very good.

Manc saying: Mint

Example: "That's well mint that."

**12. No**

Manc saying: Nah

**13. Crying** - to weep; shed tears

Manc saying: Scrikin'

Example: "What's up with the baby, he won't stop scrikin"

(Sent in by Vickie Bennett via Twitter)

**14. Tantrum** - outburst of temper

Manc saying: Strop

Example: "He threw a strop."

**15. Fool** - silly or stupid person

Manc saying: Daft 'apeth

Example: "Stop being such a daft 'apeth."

(Sent in by Graham Robinson via Facebook.)

**16. Tight** - ungenerous

Manc saying: Snide

Example: "I can't believe you're not sharin'. That's well snide."

**17. Disgusting** - not very nice

Manc saying: 'Angin'

Example: "I think this food has gone off, it's 'angin'."

(Sent in by Samantha Aarons via Facebook.)

**18. Best friends** - your closest friends

Manc saying: Bessies

Example: "Meeting me bessies for a pint later."

**19. Police** - civil force responsible for maintaining law and order

Manc saying: Dibble

Example: "The dibble arrested him yesterday."

**20. Generic term of endearment** - mate or dear

Manc saying: Cock

Example: "Y'all right cock?"

**21. Generic term of praise** - good or decent

Manc saying: Sound

Example: "He's a sound bloke."

**22. Unpleasant** - disagreeable, revolting

Manc saying: Mingin'

Example: "That's mingin' that is."

**23. Ecstatic** - extremely happy

Manc saying: Buzzin’

Example: “I am buzzin’ for this.”

Anthony Devlin/PA Wire  
Liam Gallagher is thought to have a “classic” Manchester accent

Sayings

**24. “ I’m feeling rather hungry “**

Manc saying: “Mi stomach thinks mi throat’s cut”

**25. Have the refuse collectors been yet, mother?**

Manc saying: “Ast bin men bin mam?”

**26. “ Fish, chips and peas with the water they were cooked in. “**

Manc saying: “Fish, chips and peas with pea wet “

**27. “ You have a rather poor haircut “**

Manch saying: “What did they cut your hair with, a knife and fork?”

**28. General greeting**

Manc saying: “Now then...”

**29. Start to explain something**

Manc saying: “What it is, right... “

Example: ‘What it is right, me boiler’s gone and me ‘ouse is dead cold’.

**30. Generic expression of disbelief**

Manc saying: “Nah man “

Example: “Nah... Nah man no way!”

**31. I am telling the truth**

Manc saying: “Swear down... “

Example: “I swear down, I never touched it.”

**32. Close friend or sibling**

Manc saying: “Our Kid”

Example: “Y’all right our kid?”

**34. Excuse me?**

Manc saying: "Ee are.."

Example: "Ee are, what you doing?"

**35. Generic greeting to a cyclist**

Manc saying: "Get off and milk it."

**36. You cannot get something for nothing.**

Manc saying: "You don't get owt for nowt."

(Sent in by Chrissy Foster via Facebook.)

**37. You need to have a rethink.**

Manc saying: "Give your 'ead a wobble."

(Sent in by Jodie Braisdell via Facebook.)

**38. He is annoyed.**

Manc saying: "Well someone's seen their a\*\*e 'aven't they?"

(Sent in by Vicky Hinksman via Twitter.)

**39. You are annoying me.**

Manc saying: "You're peckin' me 'ead."

(Sent in by Vickie Brookes via Facebook.)

**40. "Stop talking a load of rubbish."**

Manc saying: "Stop ya chattin'."

**41. "I am eager for a night out drinking."**

Manc saying: "Mad fer it."

**42. Celebration** - usually after a success - often sporting  
- such as scoring a goal.

Manc saying: "'Ave it!"

**43. Shut the door.**

Manc saying: "Put wood int' 'ole."

**44. My house.**

Manc saying: My gaff

**45. Sat waiting for someone else.**

Manc saying: "Sat here like piffy on a rock."



(Sent in by Chris Sharpe via Facebook.)

**46. He has bandy-legs.**

Manc saying: "He couldn't stop a pig in a ginnel."

(Sent in by Sarah Murphy, via Facebook.)

**47. Your hair is very knotted.**

Manc saying: "Your hair is full o' lugs."

(Sent in by Olga Lawson via Facebook.)

**48. That's not very good.**

Manc saying: "That is bobbins."

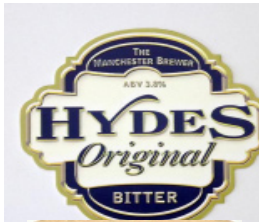
(Sent in by Olga Lawson via Facebook.)

**49. That's a bad state of affairs**

Manc saying: "That is well bad"

**50. To leave your current location**

Manc saying: "Gotta chip it's hair washing time."



## Top Posts

### **Some of the Top posts on Manchester Memories**

- 1057 Moira Edge** -Two words start with the same letter
- 768 Rob Abbo Abbott** - Former Manchester Nightspots
- 702 Simone Howe** - Just found a job!
- 601 -Roy Dutton** - Roll Call
- 506 Andrew Dowdall** - Tell me what this actually is?
- 478 Gaz Worrall** - D-Day Veteran
- 475 Deborah Fox** - Sweet Reunion
- 473 Diane Bates** - Foo Foo's palace
- 465 Gail Stewart** - Daft apeth....Explain
- 444 Rehan Khawaja-Kashmiri Ali** - Belle Vue
- 439 Mark Thomson** - Piccadilly Radio
- 408 Stephen Eccles** - Reds or Blues most supporters.
- 406 Tony Roff** - Muffins or Baps
- 405 Joyce Thompson** - Withington Hospital
- 394 Tina Corrigan** - Funeral closed curtains?
- 387 Tony Cunningham** - 50 year's still going strong
- 332 Rob Abbo Abbott** - Bands & Venues
- 330 Sue Noble** - Just for fun
- 324 Ilona Smith** - Moms button Box
- 308 Sara Nixon Hall** - Which primary school
- 286 Johnny Gray** - Did you get a CLOUT.
- 286 Andy Warren** - What dictates a Mancunian
- 285 Helena Donegan Mitchell** - Marathon 74 years old
- 273 Deborah Fox** - Mam, Ma,Mum,Mammy or Mother
- 259 Rob Abbo Abbott** - Holiday destinations in UK.
- 255 Andrey West** - Sweets/toffees your favourites
- 249 Roy Dutton** - Lest we forget June 6th 1944
- 195 Sue Ridgway** - Manchester is blue

Note: For the total Likes & Comment added together on 23/06/2014

## Emoticon useage on Facebook

	EMOTICON	USAGE	PERCENT	NOTES
#1	:)	32,115,789	33.360%	Happy face
#2	:D	10,595,385	11.006%	Laugh
#3	:(	7,613,014	7.908%	Sad face
#4	;)	7,238,295	7.519%	Wink
#5	:-)	4,254,708	4.420%	Happy face (with nose)
#6	:P	3,588,863	3.728%	Tongue out
#7	=)	3,564,080	3.702%	Happy face
#8	(:	2,720,383	2.826%	Happy face (mirror)
#9	;-)	2,085,015	2.166%	Wink (with nose)
#10	:/	1,840,827	1.912%	Uneasy, undecided, skeptical, annoyed?
#11	XD	1,795,792	1.865%	Big grin
#12	=D	1,434,004	1.490%	Laugh
#13	:o	1,077,124	1.119%	Shock, Yawn
#14	=]	1,055,517	1.096%	Happy face
#15	D:	1,048,320	1.089%	Grin (mirror)
#16	;D	1,004,509	1.043%	Wink and grin
#17	:]	954,740	0.992%	Happy face
#18	:-(	816,170	0.848%	Unhappy
#19	=/	809,760	0.841%	Uneasy, undecided, skeptical, annoyed?
#20	=(	760,600	0.790%	Unhappy

## Competition

Post by **Terence Embury Hunt** From page 50

**1. David Dickinson.**(Born 1941) is the flamboyant presenter of “Bargain Hunt”.He was born in Manchester, and comes from a Franco-American background, with some Armenian ancestry in his family.

**2. Victoria Wood.** (Born 1953)

Actress, entertainer, scriptwriter and comedienne, Victoria Wood was born in Prestwich in 1953, and attended Bury Grammar School for Girls.

**3. Fred Perry** (1877–1954), was born in Stockport, Greater Manchester. For the first decade of his life, he also lived in Bolton and Wallasey. Perry first began to play tennis on the public courts near his family’s housing estate. He was educated at Ealing Grammar School for Boys.

**4. Elkie Brooks,** (Born 1946) who was born Elaine Bookbinder a bakery owner’s daughter from Cavendish Road, Salford. Tony Mansfield, her brother, was leader of the then well-known group, “The Dakotas”; another brother had a quartet.

**5. Hylda Baker.** (1908-1986) This diminutive comedienne was born in Farnworth near Bolton.Hylda was educated at Plodder Lane Council School,

**6. John Edward Thaw** was born into a working class family in West Gorton, Manchester, England on January 3rd, 1942. His formative years were difficult and trying to say the least; his mother having abandoned John when he was seven, he did not see her again for another 12 years. His father, a long-distance lorry driver, did his best to raise both John and his younger brother Raymond.

## Competition

### **Competition page 130**

1. Happy Mondays
2. The Stone roses
3. Oasis
4. M People.

### **Competition page 154**

Jack Haworth as “Albert Tatlock”  
Sarah Lancashire as “Racquel Watts”  
Kevin Kennedy as “Curly Watts”  
Anne Kirkbride as “Dierdre “Barlow””  
Bernard Youens as “Stan Ogden”  
Peter Adamson as “Len Fairclough”  
Pat Pheonix as “Elsie Tanner”  
Philip Middlemiss as “Des Barnes”  
Angela Griffin as “Fiona Middleton”  
Julie Goodyear as “Bette Gilroy”  
Betty Driver as “Betty Turpin”  
Doris Speed as “Annie Walker”  
Arthur Leslie as “Jack Walker”  
William Tarmey as “Jack Duckworth”  
Elizabeth Dawn as “Vera Duckworth”  
Johnny Briggs as “Mike Baldwin”

First broadcast on the 9th December 1960.

Ken Irwin Daily Mirror said he'd give it three weeks.

Worlds longest-running T.V soap.

Location a fictional town called Weatherfield, Salford.

Granada TV initially only commissioned 13 episodes.

Longest serving cast member Ken Barlow

It takes 66 hours to make 5 episodes.











